



Online Service for  
**Easter 2**  
19 April 2020



Today is the second Sunday of Easter. In the orthodox church it is called 'St Thomas Sunday', because the Gospel of the Day is the appearance of Jesus to Thomas, one week after he appeared to the other disciples in John's Gospel.

To participate in our service today, you will need a Bible and a candle. If there is more than one of you, you can share out leading, and the readings; but it is perfectly possible to participate just on your own.

**Welcome**

*Light the candle to begin, and pray that Jesus will, in his own way, make himself known to you as you are worshipping this morning.*

*We make the sign of the cross, saying together,*

**Leader**    ✠ **In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.**

**All**        **Amen**

**Leader**    The Lord be with you.

**All**        **and also with you.**

**Leader**    Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**All**        **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*We take a moment to think about coming into the presence of God and joining with others, either virtually or in our own homes, on this second Sunday of Easter.*

## Confessing our sins

*We have not always lived our lives as we should have done. We have done wrong and hurt others. Let's recall our sins and seek God's forgiveness.*

*We pray together:*

**All** Like Mary at the empty tomb  
we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.  
Lord, have mercy.

Like the disciples behind locked doors,  
we are afraid to be seen as your followers  
Christ, have mercy.

Like Thomas in the upper room,  
we are slow to believe  
Lord, have mercy.

**Leader** May the Father forgive us  
by the death of his Son  
and strengthen us to live in the power of the Spirit  
all our days. Amen.

*Let's praise God's glory. Please join in with Jonathan by clicking on this link:*

<https://youtu.be/OKHJedSoSk0>

**Glory be to God in heaven,  
peace to those who love him well;  
on the earth let all his people  
speak his grace, his wonders tell:  
Lord, we praise you for your glory,  
mighty Father, heaven's king;  
hear our joyful adoration  
and accept the thanks we bring.**

**Only Son of God the Father,  
Lamb who takes our sin away,  
now with him in triumph seated—  
for your mercy, Lord, we pray:  
Jesus Christ, most high and holy,  
Saviour, you are God alone  
in the glory of the Father  
with the Spirit: Three-in-One!**

*We pray the Collect – the prayer for the day*

**Leader    Almighty Father,  
you have given your only Son to die for our sins  
and to rise again for our justification:  
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness  
that we may always serve you  
in pureness of living and truth;  
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.  
Amen.**

## **Bible Readings**

*Kevin is going to read the first reading from Acts 2.14a, 22-32.*

<https://youtu.be/xiHE8SheM3c>

*If you can, please stand to read the Gospel out loud*

Gospel of the Day: John 20.19-end

## **Homily**

*Please click on the link to hear Mthr Helen's homily for today.*

[https://youtu.be/uIoVRpTr\\_sE](https://youtu.be/uIoVRpTr_sE)

## Creed

*Let's remind ourselves of the beliefs of the Christian faith.*

**All**            **We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## Music

*To lead into our time of prayer, we have a piece of music played by Martin, Abi and Gabriella. It is from Paul de Wailly's Six Pieces (No 5 - Regrets)*

<https://youtu.be/TlfSTyfyK9Q>

## The Prayers

*Martin is leading our intercessions today. Click on this link.*

<https://youtu.be/zld2noeCp5o>

*As we finish our prayers, let us say together the Lord's Prayer, and our Coronavirus prayer:*

**Almighty God, our Shield and our Defender,  
guide and protect us at this time.**

**We pray for our loved ones, our neighbours,  
our key workers, and our country  
in this time of health emergency.**

**Deliver us from harm, and may your love and  
care ever grow in our community.**

**Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, Amen.**

*Let's finish with a rousing hymn. Click on this link for the music and join in with Jonathan*

[https://youtu.be/S5BGP0d\\_aoY](https://youtu.be/S5BGP0d_aoY)

**The Day of Resurrection!  
Earth, tell it out abroad;  
the Passover of gladness,  
the Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal,  
from earth unto the sky,  
our Christ hath brought us over,  
with hymns of victory.**

**Our hearts be pure from evil,  
that we may see aright  
the Lord in rays eternal  
of resurrection light;  
and listening to his accents,  
may hear so calm and plain  
his own "All hail!" and, hearing,  
may raise the victor strain.**

**Now let the heavens be joyful!  
Let earth her song begin!  
The round world keep high triumph,  
and all that is therein!  
Let all things seen and unseen  
their notes in gladness blend,  
for Christ the Lord hath risen,  
our joy that hath no end.**

## Praying for God's blessing

*We pray*

**All**            **May Christ,**  
**who out of defeat brings new hope**  
**and a new future,**  
**fill us with his new life**  
**and may the blessing of God Almighty**  
**✠ the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit**  
**be among us and remain with us all**  
**now and forever. Amen.**

*Jonathan's closing voluntary today is, Rachmaninov's, Prelude C sharp minor*

**<https://youtu.be/Mn2bYgVZ0dk>**

*We normally have refreshments after the service, so why not make a cup of tea or coffee, and ring someone you know from church for a chat?*