

SERVICE SHEET 17th April 2022, St Mary's Easter Day

Welcome to St Mary's Church! Happy Easter! We are so glad you are here – whether you are in the church building or watching online. If you are here for the first time or visiting, please say hello (in the chat feature online, or to the service leader or a member of the welcome team in church). You can find out more about our church on our website (www.denhamparish.church). Today's service will be followed by Holy Communion. *Christoph Lindner, Rector*

WELCOME

Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Into our darkness dawns your light. Out of the grave your glory shines. Jesus, you meet us, Risen Saviour, and we respond in delighted worship.

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HYMN

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, alleluia! Who did once, upon the cross, alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss, alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, alleluia! Unto Christ, our heav'nly King, alleluia! Who endured the cross and grave, alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains that he endured, alleluia! Our salvation have procured; alleluia! Now above the sky he's King, alleluia! Where the angels every sing. Alleluia!

INTERACTIVE BIBLE READING Matthew 28. 1-10

Please join in with the actions! The reading ends with a line which we all say together **(in bold):**

"Then go quickly and tell his disciples he has risen."

ALL: He's risen indeed, hallelujah!

SONG: Roll the Stone

The women went to Jesus' tomb On that Easter day They found an angel had been there To roll the stone away

Roll the stone, roll the stone Roll the stone away The angel came on Easter day To roll the stone away

They found that Jesus was alive And still He lives today For God has raised Him from the dead And rolled the stone away

Don't let your heart be like a tomb Empty dark and grey Jesus said that He's the Rock To roll your stone away

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GAME: Egg Surprise

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TALK PART 1: Easter Detectives

SONG

See, what a morning, gloriously bright, With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem; Folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light, As the angels announce Christ is risen! See God's salvation plan, wrought in love, Borne in pain, paid in sacrifice, Fulfilled in Christ, the Man, For he lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

See Mary weeping, 'Where is he laid?' As insorrowshe turns from the empty tomb; Hears a voice speaking, calling her name; It's the Master, the Lord raised to life again! The voice that spans the years, Speaking life, stirring hope, Bringing peace to us, Will sound till he appears, For he lives, Christ is risen from the dead!

One with the Father, Ancient of Days, Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty, Honour and blessing, glory and praise To the King crowned with power and authority! And we are raised with him, Death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered; And we shall reign with him, For he lives, Christ is risen from the dead!

(Give out Scribble Sheets for children)

READING: 2 Corinthians 5-16-21

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

TALK PART 2: Meet Jesus

RESPONSE: Out With The Old

CHOIR: Let the weak say I am strong

PRAYERS

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN Thine be the glory,

Risen, conqu'ring Son, Endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won; Angels in bright raiment Rolled the stone away, Kept the folded grave-clothes Where thy body lay.

Thine be the glory, Risen, conqu'ring Son, Endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom. Let the Church with gladness Hymns of triumph sing, For her Lord now liveth; Death hath lost its sting.

No more we doubt thee, Glorious Prince of Life; Life is naught without thee: Aid us in our strife. Make us more than conqu'rors Through thy deathless love; Bring us safe through Jordan To thy home above.

SENDING:

God sends you out to be his resurrections people! Jesus who was dead, is now alive. And we are his witnesses! The old is gone, the new is here. And we are a new creation. God reconciles the world to himself in Christ. And we are his ambassadors. God, send us out to be your resurrection people!

BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do his will, working in us that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always. Amen.

(The service continues with Holy Communion.)

CONFESSION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour, in thought and word and deed; through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you and also with you.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER The Lord is here. His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and on this day of our redemption to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works. For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in men and women the image of your glory. He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal. And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness, while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith: Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise: **Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

We break this bread

to share in the body of Christ. Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

GIVING OF COMMUNION

At present we receive Holy Communion in one kind (bread) only.

We have devised a one-way system for receiving the bread and then returning to your place through the empty first pew. Please refer to the diagram on page 7 for details and familiarise yourself with your pew number. We are inviting people to come forward by pew number starting with pew No. 1.

Please follow the directions of our sidesteam and keep a distance of two meters to the person in front of you.

If you'd like to receive a blessing, please keep your hands at your sides as you come forward. Please walk back to your pew after you receive the wafer and consume it there.

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord In the name of Christ. Amen

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A service of thanksgiving for the life of **JONATHAN GOVAN** will be held on Saturday, 7th May, at 12 noon. All welcome.

MARION FRANCIS will be celebrating her 90th birthday on Sat 9 July, 2–4.30pm and you are invited! Please make anote in your diary. There will be a sign-up sheet in church.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of **SUE FLETCHER** will be held on Wednesday, 6th July, at 2pm. All welcome.

APCM: SUNDAY 8 MAY

NO 9am service

10.30am Our Annual Meeting will be part of our morning service. Please join us at St Mary's if you can. (Zoom will be available). We will aim to finish by 12.15.

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CARTOON BY DAVE WALKER

Happy Easter

NO ENTRY STAFF ONLY

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HOLY COMMUNION

ONE WAY SYSTEM Starting with pew 1, follow the bolder arrows to the front. Once you have received the bread, please follow the circular route back through the empty 1st pew) to your eat and consume your bread there. Thank you

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MINISTER

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Route BACK to your pew/seat

Route TO take

Communion

RETIRED BE PERSON ME COULD PLUMBER BE YOU

CLEANER

TEACHER

Waddya mean? That wasn't You

Good morning"

who just said

Let's pray together ... • For everyone affected by the war in Ukraine and those working for peace.

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REFUGEES

Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome were on their way to the tomb. (...) As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him." (From the Gospel of Mark, chapter 16)