

UNITED BENEFICE OF ST MICHAEL BETCHWORTH AND ST MARY BUCKLAND  
EASTER SUNDAY – Family Eucharist  
SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Easter Hymn - Christopher Tambling (1964-2015)



**The Greeting**

The Lord be with you  
and also with you.

**Collect**

Lord of all life and power,  
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son  
overcame the old order of sin and death  
to make all things new in him:  
grant that we, being dead to sin  
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,  
may reign with him in glory;  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be praise and honour, glory and might,  
now and in all eternity.



**Hymn: *Thine be the glory***

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory 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, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;

let His church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;  
life is nought without thee; aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:

Words: *A toi la gloire, O Ressuscité* Edmund Budry (1854-1932) translated by Richard Birch Hoyle (1975-1939)

Music: George Frederick Handel (1685-1759)

### **1<sup>st</sup> Reading; Acts 10.34-43 Peter testifies to Christ risen**

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

For the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Anthem: 'Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem – Charles Villers Stanford (1852-1924)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bQg88AODaQ>

(The Choir of Saint Thomas Church, New York City Directed by John Scott)

*Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,  
Your sweetest notes employ,  
The Pascal victory to hymn  
In strains of holy joy.*

*For Judah's Lion burst his chains,  
Crushing the serpent's head;  
And cries aloud through death's domains  
To wake the imprisoned dead.*

*Devouring depths of hell their prey  
At his command restore;  
His ransomed hosts pursue their way  
Where Jesus goes before.*

*Triumphant in his glory now  
To him all power is given;  
To him in one communion bow  
All saints in earth and heaven.*

*While we his soldiers praise our King,*

*His mercy we implore,  
Within his palace bright to bring  
And keep us evermore.*

*All glory to the Father be,  
All glory to the Son,  
All glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,  
While endless ages run.*

*Alleluia, Amen.*

Words: *Chorus novæ Jerusalem* St Fulbert of Chartres (d.1028) *translated by Robert Campbell* (1814-1868)

### **Gospel Mark 16.1-8 The Resurrection of Jesus**

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, ‘Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?’ When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, ‘Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.’ So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you O Christ.**



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**Prayers (read by Oscar & Benjamin in the 11 am service today)**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for this glorious day we call Easter, where we celebrate the resurrection of your Son, Jesus! Let us rejoice in you and not forget why we're gathering on this Sunday

Risen Christ, when darkness overwhelms us  
may your dawn beckon.

When fear paralyses us  
may your touch release us.

When grief torments us  
may your peace surround us.

When memories haunt us  
may your presence heal us.

When justice fails us  
may your anger ignite us.

When courage leaves us  
may your spirit inspire us.

When despair grips us  
may your hope restore us.

And when death threatens us  
may your resurrection light lead us.

**Merciful father accept these prayers through our Saviour Jesus Christ Amen.**

## Blessing

The Lord bless us and watch over us;  
The Lord make his face to shine upon us and be gracious to us;  
The Lord look kindly upon us and give us peace. Amen

Our worship has now ended, and our service now begins...

Go in the light and peace of Christ

**Thanks be to God.**

**Organ Voluntary** 'Heut' triumphiret Gottes Sohn' BWV630 (*Today the Son of God triumphs*) - J S Bach (1685-1750)



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