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**The Second Sunday
of Easter**

Sunday 11 April 2021

11.00am

**ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER
BYWARD STREET, LONDON EC3R 5BJ**

Welcome and Introduction

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Hymn - *sung by St Martin's Voices*

Alleluia, Alleluia!
hearts to heaven and voices raise;
sing to God a hymn of gladness,
sing to God a hymn of praise:
he who on the Cross a victim
for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ the King of glory,
now is risen from the dead.

Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits
of the holy harvest field,
which will all its full abundance
at his second coming yield;
then the golden ears of harvest
will their heads before him wave,
ripened by his glorious sunshine,
from the furrows of the grave.

Christ is risen, we are risen;
shed upon us heavenly grace,
rain and dew, and gleams of glory
from the brightness of thy face;
that we, with our hearts in heaven,
here on earth may fruitful be,
and by angel-hands be gathered,
and be ever, Lord, with thee.

Alleluia, Alleluia,
glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Saviour,
who has gained the victory;

**Alleluia to the Spirit,
fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluia, Alleluia,
to the Triune Majesty.**

Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885)

Prayer of Preparation

All **Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayers of Confession

Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us. Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

Silence is kept.

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life.
Lord have mercy

All **Lord, have mercy**

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins.
Christ, have mercy

All **Christ, have mercy**

Lord Jesus, you feed us with the living bread.
Lord, have mercy

All **Lord, have mercy**

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 Gloria

All

Glo-ry to God in the high - est,
and peace for his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, hea-ven-ly King,
al - migh-ty God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you
thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us;
you are sea-ted at the right hand of the Fa - ther, re - ceive
our prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -
- lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus
Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther.
A - men.

The Collect

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 for ever. **Amen**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Acts 4.32-35

Read by Barbara Oakley

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

This is the word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God**

Second Reading: I John 1.1-2.2

Read by Harriet Plyler

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life - this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us - we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

This is the word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Reading: John 20.19-end

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

All **Glory to you O Lord**

When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All **Praise to you O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev'd Sophia Acland

Music

'Now the green blade riseth' - JMC Crum (1872-1958) Tune Noel Nouvelet
Sung by Cathy Fox

Apostles' Creed

All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Led by Martin Carr

Lord in your mercy
All **Hear our prayer**

at the end:

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

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,
Peace be with you. Then they were glad when they saw the Lord.

Alleluia. The peace of the risen Christ be always with you

All **And also with you. Alleluia**

We share the Peace using the British Sign Language (BSL) sign.

Final Prayer

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

The Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen

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

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 you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; 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 the peace of Christ, alleluia, alleluia!

All **Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

Hymn - sung by St Martin's Voices

**Love's redeeming work is done;
fought the fight, the battle won:
lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er!
lo, he sets in blood no more!**

**Vain the stone, the watch, the seal!
Christ has burst the gates of hell;
death in vain forbids his rise;
Christ has opened Paradise.**

Lives again our glorious King;
Where, O death, is now thy sting?
Dying once, he all doth save;
where thy victory, O grave?

Soar we now where Christ has led,
following our exalted Head;
made like him, like him we rise;
ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!
Praise to thee by both be given:
thee we greet triumphant now;
hail, the Resurrection Thou!

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Notices

APCM - Sunday 18 April, 12.15pm (in church and on Zoom)

Our APCM will take place after the service next Sunday. This is where we elect our Churchwardens and PCC members. If you are interested in standing for election, please speak to the Vicar or Churchwardens ASAP.

It is an opportunity to hear the Annual Report and Accounts and learn more about the life of the church, our mission and ministry, and see how together we are being called to be a community of hope at this time. The papers will be available on our website shortly. We hope as many of our congregation as possible will join us, either in person or via Zoom.



Notices

ACTION ON THE ENVIRONMENT - THE TIME IS NOW

Please consider contributing to All Hallows' work on climate change by signing the **Time is Now declaration** (<https://thetimeisnow.uk/declaration>) calling on the government to build a greener future for the UK ahead of the UN climate summit in Glasgow later this year. This campaign is run by the Climate Coalition, a collection of over 140 organisations including the National Trust, Women's Institute, Oxfam and the RSPB. Our PCC has just made the declaration as a church, and we invite members of the All Hallows community to join us in signing.

ONLINE JUSTSHARE EVENT - Tuesday 13 April, 6pm

Neighbourliness in a Global Context - A Talk with the Bishop of London

The Gospel presents a clarion call to be a good neighbour, both to our immediate neighbours and on a global scale. How might Brexit impact our ability to live up to that challenge? Has the coronavirus pandemic taught us anything about solidarity with our international neighbours in a time of far-reaching disaster? How might this shape our approach to climate change? The Bishop of London will explore these questions, asking how we might engage with our neighbours' struggles, allow our lives to be diverted off course for the sake of their wellbeing, and recognise our resources as theirs. Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/neighbourliness-in-a-global-context-a-talk-with-the-bishop-of-london-tickets-138805227171>

ST GEORGE'S DAY WEEKEND! 24/25 April

All Hallows Runners are inviting everyone - non-runners and runners to celebrate St George's Day weekend by getting out and getting active! Let's celebrate the Feast of George outside in the sunshine (hopefully!). It would be great to see themed photos too! As usual send photos to Martin at: martincarr@hotmail.co.uk

COVID-19 VACCINATIONS: #GetOneGiveOne

As we receive our vaccination free from the NHS, do consider the challenges faced by many lower income countries. GAVI (the Global Alliance on Vaccination and Immunisation) has made it possible to donate to COVAX, the UN/WHO initiative to provide access to the vaccine in 92 poorer countries. Celebrate your vaccination by making a donation at: <https://covaxamc.ctdonate.org/index:payment.html>

ST EDMUND'S COURSE

This one-year, online course in Bible and Theology provides an overview of Scripture, its interpretation and the foundations of Christian faith and practice. As an online study group, there are no 'classes' as such; learners interact with each other and the course facilitator in sharing ideas and learning as you move through the material each week. The course starts w/c 18 April, cost: £180. Speak to Martin to find out more, or email: admin.stedmunds@london.anglican.org

REGULAR SERVICES AT ALL HALLOWS

All Hallows will be open for public worship from Palm Sunday (28 March).

Our services will also continue to be available online via Zoom.

You are most welcome to join us in church or online - please see below for details.

SUNDAY PARISH EUCHARIST at 11am

We will be holding our regular weekly Eucharist service on Sundays at 11am in church and on Zoom.

ONLINE MORNING PRAYER

Wednesdays at 8.30am on Zoom

We meet online for Morning Prayer to enjoy a time of prayer and peace at the start of the day. The service lasts about 20 minutes and we use the 'Daily Prayer' app as we pray (www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/time-to-pray).

ONLINE TAIZÉ SERVICE

Alternate Wednesdays at 6pm on Zoom

We hold an online Taizé service every two weeks and you are most welcome to join us for this meditative time of prayer and reflection with music by our virtual choir and musicians. The next service is on **Wednesday 14 April**.

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***For more details about our services see: www.ahbtt.org.uk/online-worship
There are shortcuts to Zoom services and events in our weekly emails,
but if you would like us to email you a link to a particular service,
please contact parish@ahbtt.org.uk***

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WEEKLY EMAIL

Are you receiving our weekly parish emails? If not, you can keep up to date with all our news and events by signing up on our website - go to www.ahbtt.org.uk enter your email address in the 'Join our Mailing List' box and click 'Subscribe'.

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GIVING TO ALL HALLOWS

Our regular income has been significantly reduced because of the pandemic and we are relying on your support to help us at this challenging time. You can donate by credit card using this QR code on your phone or at www.ahbtt.org.uk/donate. You can also pay by bank transfer (email parish@ahbtt.org.uk for details) or sending a cheque to the church office. Thank you.



THE TEAM AT ALL HALLOWS

Vicar:	The Rev'd Katherine Hedderly
Associate Vicar:	The Rev'd Sophia Acland
Licensed Lay Minister:	Martin Carr
Operations & Finance Manager:	Angie Poppitt
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