

Sunday 5th April 2026
Easter Day
Readings, Collect and Year's Mind

Opening Hymn NEH 110 Jesus Christ is risen today

Collect for Easter Day

Lord of life and power, through the mighty resurrection of your Son you have overcome the old order of sin and death and have made all things new in him.

May we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, reign with him in glory,
who with you and the Holy Spirit is alive,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Lesson Acts 10: 34-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles chapter 10, verses 34 to 43.

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and some of the believers from Joppa who accompanied the apostle]: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judæa and in Jerusalem.

They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²He 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. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Sun 9am Here endeth the Lesson.

Sun 10.45 This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading John 20: 1-18

A reading from the Gospel according to John, chapter 20, verses 1-18.

Sun 9am Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Sun 10.45 Glory to Christ our Saviour

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.’ ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping?’ She said to them, ‘They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.’ ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?’ Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, ‘Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.’ ¹⁶Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’ (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, ‘Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, “I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.” ’ ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Sun 9am Thanks be to thee, O Lord, for this thy glorious Gospel.

Sun 10.45 Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

We offer particular prayers for

Hilary, Bill, Sheila K, Ian and Jenny, Masami, Joan M., Betty, Catherine, Catriona D, Delia, Jane T., Emma A., Joseph, Johnny, Alison B., Alice; Countries suffering war, violence or natural disaster; the people of Palestine, Israel, Lebanon, Iran, Ukraine and Sudan.

We also include in our prayers those in our **Year's Mind** this week:

Kirsty Stewart, Helen Forteath, Alice Dick-Cunyngham, Ian Smith, Mike Westcott, Joan Deans.

Sun 9am Proper Preface for Easter Day (*Prayer Book p. 344*)

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee
for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord:
for he is the very Paschal Lamb which was offered for us;
and hath taken away the sin of the world;
who by his death hath destroyed death,
and by his rising to life again hath restored to us everlasting life.

Therefore with Angels....

Offertory Hymn NEH 95 When I survey the wondrous Cross

Anthem Hallelujah! (*Messiah*) Handel

Post Communion Prayer for Easter Day

God of life,
bring us to the glory of the resurrection promised in this Easter sacrament.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

Amen

Closing Hymn NEH 120 Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son

Readings for the day

*Acts 10: 34-43; Psalm 118: 14-24; Colossians 3: 1-4; *John 20: 1-18

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