

St Catherine's Tilehurst

Opening Words

Come and worship the risen Lord with me. Bring your strengths and your weaknesses; your confidence and your uncertainty; your laughter and your tears; your hopes and your disappointments. Come alone and come together, for the risen Christ calls you to be his witnesses, his friends and his disciples.

Opening Words

Let us all proclaim together:

Alleluia! We are your people.

Alleluia! We are your church.

Alleluia! Risen Lord, we are your disciples.

Amen.

Psalm 118:14 - 24

The LORD is my strength and my defence; he has become my salvation.

Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous: "The LORD's right hand has done mighty things!

The LORD's right hand is lifted high; the LORD's right hand has done mighty things!"

I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the LORD has done

The LORD has chastened me severely, but he has not given me over to death

Psalm 118:14 - 24

Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter

I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;

The LORD has done this, and it is marvellous in our eyes.

The LORD has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

He has risen
He has risen
He has risen
Jesus is alive

When the life flowed from His body Seemed like Jesus' mission failed But His sacrifice accomplished Victory over sin and hell

He has risen
He has risen
He has risen
Jesus is alive

In the grave God did not leave Him For His body to decay Raised to life - the Great Awakening Satan's power He overcame

He has risen
He has risen
He has risen
Jesus is alive

We ourselves could not be raised But the son of God is living So our hope is not in vain

He has risen
He has risen
He has risen
Jesus is alive

When the Lord rides out of heaven Mighty angels at His side They will sound the final trumpet From the grave we shall arise

He has risen
He has risen
He has risen
Jesus is alive

He has given life immortal
We shall see Him face to face
Through eternity we'll praise Him
Christ the champion of our faith

He has risen
He has risen
He has risen
Jesus is alive

Collect

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
Grant that we,
who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection,
may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you

and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

John 20:1-18

- ¹ Early 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.
- ² So 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."
- ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb.
- ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.
- ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.
- ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there,
- ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself.
- ⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed;
- ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.
- ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.
- ¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb;
- ¹² and 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.
- ¹³ They 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."
- ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.
- ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" 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."
- ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher).
- ¹⁷ Jesus 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.'"
- ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Intercessions

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven Hallowed be your name Your kingdom come Your will be done On earth as in heaven Give us our daily bread And forgive us our sins As we forgive those who sin against us And lead us not into temptation But deliver us from evil For the kingdom, the power and the glory Are yours Now and forever. Amen.

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ, my God.
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down. Did e'er such love and sorrow meet Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small. Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.

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Acts 10:34-43

- ³⁴ Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favouritism
- 35 but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right.
- ³⁶ You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.
- ³⁷ You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached—
- ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.
- 39 "We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross,
- ⁴⁰ but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen.
- ⁴¹ He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.
- ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead.
- ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.

To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore, I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

I reject them

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

I repent of them

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

I come to Christ

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ? 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.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit? 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

Almighty God,
we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith
with all who have been baptized into your name.
Keep us faithful to our baptism,
and so make us ready for that day
when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, that you may be rooted and grounded in love and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

Amen

Thine be the glory, Risen, conqu'ring 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 the church with gladness, Hymns of triumph sing; For her Lord now liveth, Death hath lost its sting.

Thine be the glory,
Risen conquering Son,
Endless is the victory,
Thou o'er death hast won.

No more we doubt Thee, **Glorious Prince of life**; Life is naught 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.

Thine be the glory,
Risen conquering Son,
Endless is the victory,
Thou o'er death hast won.

The Blessing

Next Week

All services are livestreamed on our Facebook page and available on our Website. Next week we plan to offer

Tues-Friday:

10.00 am – Morning Prayer at Home

Over 50 previous videos are available on our website.