**27th April 2025** **The 2nd Sunday of Easter**

**Angel voices ever singing** **Hymn 346**

Angel voices, ever singing,  
round thy throne of light,  
angel harps, for ever ringing,  
rest not day nor night;  
Thousands only live to bless Thee, and confess Thee   
Lord of might.

**2** Yea, we know that thou rejoices   
o'er each work of thine;  
thou didst ears and hands and voices for thy praise design;  
craftsman's art and music's measure for thy pleasure  
all combine.

**3** In thy house, great God, we offer of thine own to thee;  
and for thine acceptance proffer, all unworthily,  
hearts and minds and hands and voices, in our choicest  
psalmody.

**4** Honour, glory, might and merit,  
thine shall ever be,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
blessed Trinity!  
Of the best that thou hast given  
earth and heaven render thee.

**Greeting & Introduction**  
The Lord be with you **and also with you**

**Confession**  
**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;  
by what we have done and by what we have failed to do.**  
**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.**

**Versicles *standing***

O Lord, open our lips   
**and our mouth will proclaim your praise.**  
O God, make speed to save us.  
**O Lord, make haste to help us.**  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.**  
Praise the Lord. **The Lord's name be praised.**

**Hymn 687**

Come, let us praise the Lord,  
with joy our God acclaim,  
his greatness tell abroad  
and bless his saving Name.  
Lift high your songs  
before his throne  
to whom alone  
all praise belongs.

**2** Our God of matchless worth,  
our King beyond compare,  
the deepest bounds of earth,  
the hills, are in his care.  
He all decrees,  
who by his hand  
prepared the land  
and formed the seas.

**3** In worship bow the knee,  
our glorious God confess;  
the great Creator, he,  
the Lord our Righteousness.  
He reigns unseen:  
his flock he feeds  
and gently leads  
in pastures green.

**4** Come, hear his voice today,  
receive what love imparts;  
his holy will obey  
and harden not your hearts.  
His ways are best;  
and lead at last,  
all troubles past,  
to perfect rest.

**First Reading Revelation 1:4-8**

A Reading from Revelation Chapter 1 beginning to read at verse 4:  
John: To the seven churches in Asia. Grace and peace to you from the one who is, who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has set us free from our sins by his blood, and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father—to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn over him. So it is to be. Amen. “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “the one who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”

This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

**The Mini-Sermon**

**Second Reading John 20:19-31**

A Reading from John Chapter 20 beginning to read at verse 19:  
When it was evening on that first day of the week, the disciples were gathered together with the doors locked because they feared the Jews. Jesus came, stood among them, and said to them, “Peace be with you.” Having said this, he showed them his hands and his side. So the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, I also send you.” After saying this, he breathed on them and said, “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 (called “Twin”), one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples were telling him, “We’ve seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “If I don’t see the mark of the nails in his hands, put my finger into the mark of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will never believe.” A week later his disciples were indoors again, and Thomas was with them. Even though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and look at my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Don’t be faithless, but believe.” Thomas responded to him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said, “Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.” Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

**Te Deum part 1 *standing***

1 We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as the Lord; •  
**all creation worships you,** **the Father everlasting.**

2 To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,•  
**the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:**

3 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,•  
**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

4 The glorious company of apostles praise you;•  
**the noble fellowship of prophets praise you.**

5 The white-robed army of martyrs praise you;•  
**throughout the world, the holy Church acclaims you:**

6 **Father, of majesty unbounded,**  
**your true and only Son, worthy of all praise, •**  
**the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.**

**Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 again 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.**

**The Prayers of the People**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**  
Let us pray.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**  
Lord, have mercy.

**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.**

Show us your mercy, O Lord,  
**and grant us your salvation.**  
O Lord, save the King  
**and grant his government wisdom.**  
Let your ministers be clothed with righteousness  
**and let your servants shout for joy.**  
O Lord, save your people  
**and bless those whom you have chosen.**  
Give peace in our time, O Lord,  
**and let your glory be over all the earth.**  
O God, make clean our hearts within us  
**And renew us by your Holy Spirit.**

**The Collects**

**A Collect for Guidance**

**O Lord, our heavenly Father,**  
**almighty and everliving God,**  
**we give you thanks for bringing us safely to this day:**   
**Keep us from falling into sin**  
**or running into danger, and in all things** **guide us to know and do your will;**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Notices**

**Jesus stand among us** **Hymn 338**

Jesus, stand among us  
in your risen power,  
let this time of worship  
be a hallowed hour.

**2** Breathe your Holy Spirit  
into every heart,  
bid the fears and sorrows  
from each soul depart.

**3** Thus with quickened footsteps  
we pursue our way,  
watching for the dawning  
of the\_eternal day.

**Sermon**

**Our great Redeemer** **Offering Hymn 307**

Our great Redeemer as he breathed  
His tender last farewell,  
A guide, a comforter, bequeathed  
With us to dwell.

**2** He came in tongues of living flame  
to teach, convince, subdue  
unseen as rushing wind he came as powerful too.

**3** He came sweet influence to impart,  
A gracious, willing guest,  
While He can find one humble heart  
Wherein to rest.

**4** And every virtue we possess,  
And every victory won,  
And every thought of holiness,  
Are His alone.

**5** Spirit of purity and grace,  
Our weakness pitying see;  
Oh, make our hearts Thy dwelling place,  
And worthier Thee.

**Occasional Prayers**

**The Grace**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. Amen.

**Glorious things of thee are spoken** **Hymn 646 v 1,2,4**

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;  
he whose word can ne’er be broken formed thee for his own abode.  
On the rock of ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation’s walls surrounded, thou may’st smile at all thy foes.

**2** See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint while such a river ever flows their thirst to assuage:  
grace which, like the Lord the giver, never fails from age to age?

**4** Saviour, since of Zion’s city I through grace a member am,  
let the world deride or pity, I will glory in thy name.  
Fading is the worldling’s pleasure, all his boasted pomp and show;  
solid joys and lasting treasure none but Zion’s children know.

**Dismissal Prayer**

The Lord be with you **and also with you**  
Let us bless the Lord **Thanks be to God**