



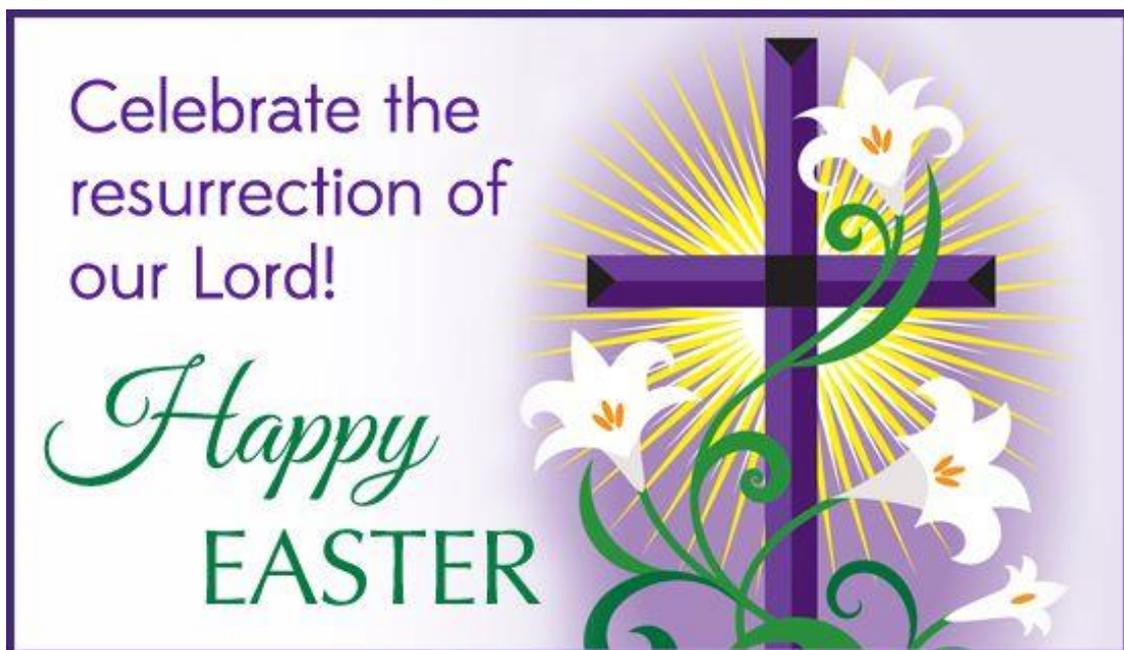
Heacham Parish Church

## **EASTER SERVICES 2022**

**14<sup>th</sup> April – Maundy Thursday**  
**(At Heacham Methodist Church)**

**15<sup>th</sup> April – Good Friday**  
**An hour at the foot of the cross**

**17<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Day Holy Communion**







## Maundy Thursday

As you come to this time of worship, take time to pause and think about the scenario of Jesus partaking of the Passover Feast with his disciples.

### Call to worship

#### 1<sup>st</sup> HYMN: Nearer my God to thee (CMP 482)

Let us confess our sins to God and ask him to cleanse us  
**Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you, against our neighbour, and against each other, in thought, word and deed, in the evil we have done and in the good we have not done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have wounded your love and marred your image within us. We are sorry and ashamed 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 lead us out of darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.**

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. This is Christ's gracious word: 'Your sins are forgiven.'  
**Amen. Thanks be to God.**

**GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God, and Father, we worship you; we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,**

**you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*Let us pray.*

God our Father, you have invited us to share in the supper which your Son gave to his Church. Nourish us, we pray, by his presence, and unite us in his love, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14(NRSV) Reader 1

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 2:1-11 (NRSV) Reader 2

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Hymn: I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR (CMP 288)**

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the Gospel according to John

Hear the Gospel of Christ

**Glory to Christ our Saviour**

John 13:1-17 (NRSV) Reader 3

This is the Gospel of Christ

**Praise to Christ our Lord**

## **SERMON**

## **3<sup>rd</sup> HYMN: 'Meekness and Majesty' (CMP 465)**

*Let us pray.*

Father, on this night, the night on which he was betrayed, your Son Jesus Christ

washed his disciples' feet and said that they ought to wash one another's feet.

We commit ourselves to follow his example of love and service.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, humble us.**

On this night, Jesus prayed for his disciples to be one.

We pray for the unity of your Church . . .

Lord, hear us. **Lord, unite us.**

On this night, Jesus prayed for those who were to believe in him.

We pray for the mission of your Church . . .

Lord, hear us. **Lord, renew our zeal.**

On this night, Jesus commanded his disciples to love, but suffered rejection himself.

We pray for those who are rejected and unloved . . .

Lord, hear us. **Lord, fill us with your love.**

On this night, Jesus reminded his disciples that if the world hated them, it first hated

him. We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith . . .

Lord, hear us. **Lord, increase our faith.**

On this night, Jesus told his disciples that he was going to prepare a place for them.

We remember in your presence all who have died . . . and those who have been

bereaved . . .

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, renew our hope and trust in you.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*We say together the prayer that Jesus gave us:*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*The Peace (All stand)*

On this night, Our Lord Jesus Christ said to his disciples 'Peace, I leave with you, my peace I give to you'

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also, with you.**

*The people may greet one another in the name of Christ*

## **4<sup>th</sup> HYMN: 'Jesus, be the centre' (CMP 1076)**

**The Thanksgiving** (All stand)

May the God of Last Suppers be with you.

**And also, with you.**

Open your hearts to God this night.

**We open them to the one whose heart is broken this night**

In the midst of uncertainty and fears, we will praise God.

**Our thanks are offered to the one who walks and waits for us**

**Through long nights.**

Creator of the heavens and earth, when the hour had come, you lifted up the cup of creation, pouring it into the emptiness of chaos. Rivers played tag through the valleys, stars spangled the blue-black night, joy danced in the fields of grace. Given that fountain flowing with living water,

we drank from betrayal's bitter cup; offered the feast of faith, we sat down at sin's groaning table. You asked the prophets to remind us of promises made, but we continued to embrace the pangs of hopelessness. Then, because we are your own, you sent Jesus to glorify you by saving us from ourselves.

Therefore, with those whose feet are covered with sin, and those whose hearts are gripped by fear, we join the choirs of every time and place, forever singing your praises:

**Holy, holy, holy are you,**

**God of towels and basins.**

**We join heaven and earth in praising your name.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the one who became a servant for us.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

Holy are you, God of redemption, and blessed is Jesus Christ, our Servant, our Saviour.

When the hour had come, he got up from grace's side, took off his glory, tied humanity around his heart to cleanse us of our sins. In the midst of his friends, in the congregation of his enemies, he kept the promises made to you: to love us to the very end. Our friend, he welcomed all; our teacher, he modelled the life of obedience and faith; our Lord, he endured the snares of death, that we might have life with you.

**In remembrance, we mourn Christ's death.**

**In remembrance, we look to the day of resurrection.**

**In remembrance, we await his return.**

Now that the hour is come, We pray that with your Spirit's help, We would become servants to a shattered world, So that we might carry your gift of love, of grace and of hope, To all who have lost everything. And when there are no more hours to come, when there is only eternal peace and life with you,

we will gather in that upper room called your heart, serving our families and friends with grace, receiving forgiveness from our enemies, singing your joy forever and ever, God in community, Holy and One.

**Amen**

*We eat and drink in silence*

### **Blessing**

This night is our calling to go into the world, scattered to the ends of the earth

to love as Christ loved and serve in the name of Christ.

It is our calling to remember, even in our darkest hour, who we are.

We remember that Christ is always with us.

And we remember that on this night, we were taught how to love.

On this night, eternity begins, and the fullness of God's Reign begins to spill into our lives.

So go into the world to give yourself for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Go into the world and love in the name of the One who loved you until the end.

It all begins and ends and begins again with Love.

That IS the story. **Amen**

### **CLOSING HYMN: 'My song is love unknown' (CMP 465)**

After the meal Jesus and his disciples sang a hymn and they went out to the Mount of Olives. Jesus said to them, 'All of you will run away and leave me, for the scripture says, "God will kill the shepherd and the sheep of the flock will be scattered".'

Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane.

He was arrested and they all forsook him and fled.

(In silence the candles are extinguished in the reverse order to which they were lit. Jesus' candle stays alight)

*People leave in silence*



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## **Good Friday 2022**

### **An hour at the foot of the cross**

By reading scripture we meditate our way through the events of  
Passiontide.

#### **THE BETRAYAL**

**Scripture Reading**

John 13:21-30

**Silence**

#### **THE DENIAL**

**Scripture Reading**

Mark 14:27-31

**Silence**

#### **THE AGONY**

**Scripture Reading**

Mark 14:32-46

**Silence**

#### **THE TRIAL**

**Scripture Reading**

Luke 22:52-53, 66.

Luke 23:5

**Silence**

#### **THE VERDICT**

**Scripture Reading**

Matthew 27:15-26

**Silence**

## **THE CROSS**

### **Scripture Reading**

Mark 15:21-39

**Silence**

## **THE TOMB**

### **Scripture Reading**

John 19:38-42

**Silence**

### Hymn: **When I survey the wondrous cross**

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.

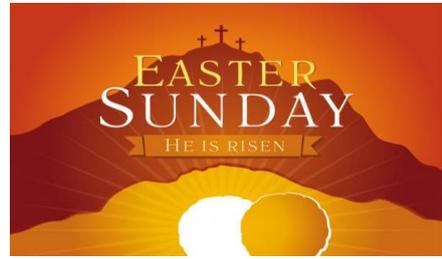
See from His head, His hands, His feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down:  
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were an offering far too small,  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

You are welcome to stay here at the foot of the cross for as long as you wish.  
When you leave, please go in silence as befits this solemn hour.



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# Easter Day Holy Communion

## 17<sup>th</sup> April 2021

### *The Greeting*

Alleluia, Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed, Alleluia.**  
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This is the day when Jesus Christ passed through death to life. Throughout the world Christians celebrate the awesome power of God. As we hear his word and proclaim all that God has done, we can be confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him for ever.

### *The Easter Candle is lit*

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

### *Hymn: Jesus is risen today (MP 357)*

Jesus Christ is risen today,  
*hallelujah!*  
our triumphant holy day,  
who did once, upon the cross,  
suffer to redeem our loss.

Hymns of praise then let us sing,  
unto Christ, our heavenly king,  
who endured the cross and grave,  
sinners to redeem and save.

But the pains which He endured,  
our salvation have procured,  
now in heaven above He's king,  
where the angels ever sing.

### Confession

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord, we come to you in sorrow for our sins, and confess to you our weaknesses and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength, and not by the power of your resurrection.

In your mercy, forgive us **Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes, as faithless and not believing.

In your mercy, forgive us **Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone and doubted our home in heaven.

In your mercy, forgive us **Lord, hear us and help us.**

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### Gloria

**Glory, glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the high-est; peace to his people on earth, peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Glory, glory to God, glory to God in the highest. Peace to his people on earth, peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer, receive our prayer, receive our prayer.**

**You alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord. You alone are the most high. Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory, the glory, the glory of God the Father. Amen, Amen, Amen**

The Collect for Easter Day

Bible Reading: Luke 24:1-12 & Acts 5:27-32 read by Barbara & Sue B

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

Hymn: **Thank you Jesus (MP 633)**

Thank You, Jesus, thank You, Jesus  
thank You, Lord, for loving me  
Thank You, Jesus ....

You went to Calvary,  
there You died for me,  
thank You, Lord, for loving me  
You went to Calvary ...

You rose up from the grave,  
to me new life You gave,  
thank You, Lord, for loving me  
You rose up from the grave .....

You're coming back again,  
and we with You shall reign,  
thank You, Lord, for loving me.  
You're coming back again ...

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia. I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one; I was dead, and behold I am alive forevermore.

**Alleluia**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ...

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end*

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

Hymn: **He is Lord (MP 220)**

He is Lord, He is Lord,  
He is risen from the dead  
and He is Lord!  
Every knee shall bow,  
every tongue confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord.

**Reflection** by Pip Lawrence

Let's pray,  
Loving Heavenly Father, as we celebrate the resurrection of Christ our saviour we ask that you will remind us of the cost and the privilege we have as your children. We ask, also, that you would speak to our minds and hearts as we look at your word. Amen.

Have you ever lost something really important? Recently, as a family, we had 'lost' the title deeds to my late mother's property. Mum had always told us that they were held by a particular firm of solicitors. However, when probate arrived, and we applied for the deeds we were told that they did not have them. We were told to look through the paperwork that we had. We searched intently but all to no avail. To cut a long story short, they did eventually turn up at the solicitors. Changes in the firm over the years had led to them being misfiled. Losing important documents can be rather distressing.

Without the necessary documentation we cannot progress in certain matters. However, this pales into insignificance when the thing you have lost is a person. Someone who has been central in your life. Someone whose absence leaves a massive gaping hole in your entire existence. Imagine if that person is someone that you had believed to be the messiah. The one you had waited for and who had the answer to all of life's questions.

Today, as we celebrate Easter, we read about the women who were feeling just like that. The reading starts by telling us that they were up and out at the crack of dawn. They were on their way to the place where

Jesus's body had been laid. Those of us who are familiar with the terrain of grief know that sleep can be evasive. We wake early after a disturbed night of sleep. We also understand and know the desire to maintain some level of connection. So, we need no explanation for why the women were up so early. They had been preparing spices. They wanted to express their love in this last act of love and service for their Lord.

Luke does not record the conversation as Mark does, where they discuss the difficulty of the stone being in the way. Luke takes us straight to the tomb where the stone has been rolled away. Then with his characteristic manner of recording events he writes, "but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus". Clearly the women were very surprised by this turn of events. Then suddenly they are joined by two men and things take an even more surprising turn. These men are described as wearing clothes that gleamed like lightening. The text tells the reader that the women were frightened. Not at all unexpected, their emotions no doubt fraught, would have been tested by this appearance. They hide their faces, bowed to the ground. Then we have the wonderful words, "why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he is risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee. The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again". Heavenly messengers tell the good news to a group of very frightened women, and we read "Then they remembered his words".

What a roller coaster of emotions. They could be forgiven if they had to pinch themselves to make sure they were not dreaming. Believing what they have seen and heard the women rush back and tell the disciples who do not believe them. They thought they were talking nonsense. However, Peter does go and check and comes away wondering what had happened. The gospel reading ends here, but we do have the reading from Acts which sees Peter taking the good news to the gentiles. He witnesses and testifies to the resurrection.

As it is Easter Sunday we start by thinking about 'lost and found'. The women thought they had lost the messiah but, and it is a tremendous but, they found him again. No longer among the dead, but as the messengers tell them, among the living. Jesus rose from the dead, overcoming death to bring about the greatest reconciliation of all time.

Colossians tells us "For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross". So, on Easter Sunday we rejoice with our brethren the world over that we are found in Christ. We do not take that for granted. We have just had Good Friday so we are aware that it cost a price that could only be paid by Christ. Jesus experienced separation from The Father, he endured the cross, carried the sin of the world and then rose triumphant. So, we need no longer be lost. We do not need to live in darkness and futility. We can live as members of the family of the risen saviour. So, we ask ourselves this Easter Sunday, are we in Christ, are we counted among those he calls his own? If we are not certain then there is no time to waste. We need to make time to spend in prayer, reflection, with the word seeking Jesus. His promise to all who seek is that they will find. If we are sure of our saviour then we take today to remind ourselves of that certainty and all that it means. We draw on the wells of our faith to help us today and tomorrow as we face life and all its uncertainty.

We move on to thinking about 'remember and trust'. The women, who Luke tells us included Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James, had to be reminded by the messengers of what Jesus had told them while he was still with them in Galilee. Being prompted they remember Jesus's words and I guess that at that point hope began to rise in their hearts. When we are faced with difficulty we would do well to remember this example. When problems arise we often find our first response is to despair. We need to overcome these feelings by calling to mind our experience of Christ so far. Has he ever left us without hope, care, and concern? Has he ever turned his back on us completely? Recollection of past times of sadness and difficulty will remind us that though we had experienced times of darkness and pain we have then found peace and comfort when we sought Him in faith and trust. Prayers were answered, maybe not in the way we asked or wanted, but nonetheless we can trace the hand of the Lord's involvement at the time. We can witness to his provision. If things are troubling for us right now with all the various problems here and abroad, imagine how troubling it would be if we had to face them without the knowledge that the Lord is with us. This Easter Sunday let's encourage one another to remember and trust.

We close by turning our thoughts to 'tell and testify'. Encouraged by the messengers to remember, the women rush off to tell the disciples. The words from verse 11 always make me smile "but they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense". It must have resulted in the biggest "I told you so" ever. Even today the good news of Christ can still seem like nonsense in an increasingly secular world. However, it doesn't mean that we keep quiet. Even in the face of being told that we are talking nonsense we are called to testify to the evidence of Christ in our life. That does not mean we have to ram the gospel down peoples' throats. It means, as Peter tells us "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have". So, we ask ourselves today, is it clear to others around us that we have a hope that is attractive enough for others to ask us what it is that we have? Are we the kind of people who others seek out because we have something special? Or do people see us and run a mile?

Let's pray as we close that we are the kind of people who have streams of living water flowing from us, drawing others to Christ both at Easter time and any other time. Amen.

### *Profession of Faith*

*The president addresses the congregation*

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

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**All 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?

**All 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 Penny T

With joy and hope let us pray to the Father. That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his glorious and life-giving resurrection

Lord in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

We pray that isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter. Remembering especially your Church in Ukraine, Russia, North Korea, and other places where it is difficult to follow Christ.

Lord in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

We pray that at this Easter time God will grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, bearing with each other and those around us. We pray for our governments and leaders and especially those who are working for reconciliation and peace.

Lord in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

We pray from our plenty for those who have little, we ask that He may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter and to give peace to those who live in anxiety as a result.

Lord in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

We pray that by His power, war and famine may cease throughout all the world. We remember the many places still at war, for the innocent people who are caught up in it and the many millions of refugees.

Lord in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

We pray that Jesus would reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak and the dying, this day and to comfort and strengthen them.

Lord in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

This Easter we remember and believe, according to His promises, all who have died in the faith of the resurrection may be raised on the last day.

Lord in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

In anticipation we pray that He will send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, so that we may bear faithful witness to His resurrection,

Lord in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

### **We pray the prayer for growth**

God of Mission, Who alone brings growth to your Church, Send your Holy Spirit to give, Vision to our planning, Wisdom to our actions, Joy to our worship, And power to our witness. Help our church to grow in numbers, In spiritual commitment to you, And in service to our local community, Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Heavenly Father,

you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant that, as his death has recalled us to life, so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### *The Peace*

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Song: **He has risen (MP839)**

*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....*

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....*

If there were no resurrection  
we ourselves could not be raised,  
but the son of God is living,  
so our hope is not in vain.

*He has risen....*

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 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....*

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, Father, for all your goodness and your love.  
When we turned away you did not reject us.

**You came to meet us in your Son, welcomed us as your children  
and prepared a table where we might sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened wide his arms upon the cross and, with a love  
stronger than death he made for all a perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night before he died he came to table with his friends and taking  
bread, he gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them saying: Take,  
eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of  
me.

**Lord Jesus, we bless you: you are the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine he gave you thanks, and  
said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is  
shed for you for the forgiveness of sins

do this in remembrance of me.

**Lord Jesus, we bless you: you are the true vine.**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus

**Dying you destroyed our death, Rising you restored our life; Lord  
Jesus, come in glory.**

Father, send your Holy Spirit on us now; may this bread and this wine,  
be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us, who know our  
need of grace, one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world, we offer you this sacrifice  
of praise and lift our voice to join the song of heaven for ever praising  
you and saying:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of power and might. Heaven and earth  
are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

### The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

*The president breaks the consecrated bread, saying:*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All: Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

### Invitation to Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

### The distribution of Communion

#### Post Communion Prayer

God of life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

#### Acclamation

Alleluia. Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. **He has given us new life and hope. He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

God has claimed us as his own. **He has brought us out of darkness. He has made us light to the world.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Song: **Thine be the glory (MP689)**

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 the church with gladness  
hymns of triumph sing,  
for her Lord now liveth;  
death hath lost its sting.

*Thine be the glory....*

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.

*Thine be the glory....*

Blessing

God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead, open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life. **Amen.**

God the Son, who in bursting from the grave won a glorious victory, give you joy as you share the Easter faith. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples with the life of the risen lord, empower you and fill you with Christ's peace. **Amen**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Dismissal

He is not here. He is risen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

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**Notices:**

*Happy Easter from Heacham Parish Church,  
may you know the comfort and joy that Jesus brings today and always.  
From Rev Veronica Wilson and all at Heacham Church.*

**COVID - care in church**

Although all the rules have now been lifted we will still be doing all we can to take care of each other in church including wearing face coverings and if possible checking we have a negative LFT result. We will continue to keep the back of the church set up with socially distanced seats.

**The Church Building is open daily from 10am – 4pm**

Feel free to visit, pause to enjoy the tranquillity, light a candle.

## **April/Easter Services**

15<sup>th</sup> Apr – Good Friday - 2pm 'at the foot of the cross'

17<sup>th</sup> Apr – Easter Day – 10am Holy Communion

24<sup>th</sup> Apr - 10am Morning Prayer

For the YouTube link click [here](#) or use our URL which can be copied into your browser. Live streaming and recording for the service can be found after the service. The link is:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEfWbBrE77u7MPpdjWtwzow>

## **Morning Prayer Monday to Friday, at 9am via Zoom**

If you would like to join please contact Julie in the office and she will arrange this for you.

## **Readings for the next few services**

17<sup>th</sup> April – Luke 24: 1-12 and Acts 10: 34-43

24<sup>th</sup> April – Acts 5: 27-32

1<sup>st</sup> May – John 21: 1-19 & Acts 9: 1-6

8<sup>th</sup> May – Acts 9: 36-end

## **Electoral Roll**

We are currently updating the Church Electoral Roll ready for the APCM. If you would like to be added please speak to Liz in church or contact Julie in the Church Office and they will provide you with an application form. If you are already on the roll but your details have changed (address, telephone, email details etc.) could you also let Julie know by the 19th April.

## **Methodist Church**

Coffee morning on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 10am to 12noon, and Bowling on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2.30pm to 4.30pm. All welcome.

## **Church Spring clean**

Please join us on SATURDAY 7 MAY at 10am to help spring clean our church. [ tea & coffee & biscuits provided ]

## **Prayer Walk**

There will be a prayer walk around Heacham on Monday 25th April at 7pm. We will be meeting at the Church Hall and making our way around the village. If you would like to find out more about prayer walking, then

Speak to me or send an email to [gordonsmithtaylor50@gmail.com](mailto:gordonsmithtaylor50@gmail.com).  
Gordon

### **Annual Meeting (APCM) - Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

There will be a celebration of the life of the church and a thanksgiving service on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May. This will be followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (the legal part) and then everyone is invited to bring a packed lunch (and lots of cake) and hopefully weather permitting we can enjoy a sunny picnic together.

### **GEAR Sponsorship for KLNS**

I am running the Great East Anglian Run (GEAR) on May 1st for the Kings Lynn Night Shelter, one of Heacham Parish Church's mission partners. If anyone would like to sponsor me, there is a form at the back of the church for people to sign. Alternatively, you can go to the KLNS Charities Aid Foundation page at [King's Lynn Night Shelter - Donate now \(cafonline.org\)](http://King'sLynnNightShelter-DonateNow.cafonline.org) where you can donate direct to the night shelter.  
Thank you. Gordon

### **Dates for your Diary**

**Sun 8<sup>th</sup> May** Heacham Village Tabletop Sale from 9am – 4pm

**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sat 4<sup>th</sup> June** – Heacham church will be participating in the village Scarecrow Trail. Refreshments will be available both days.

**Sun 5<sup>th</sup> June** – 10am Queens Jubilee church service

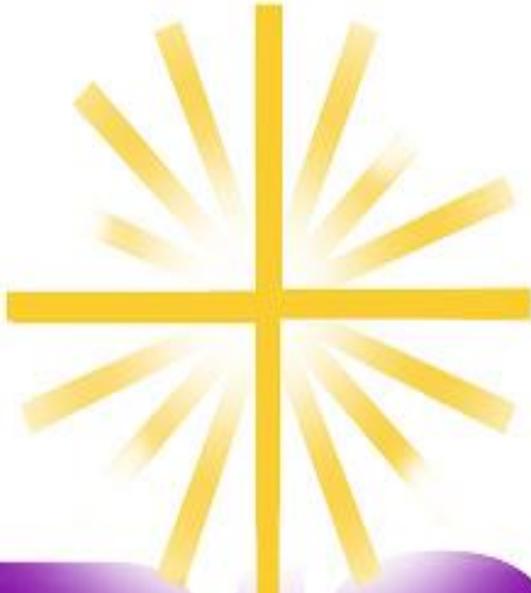
**Aug weekend** (date tbc) – Norton Hill Railway Charity Weekend.

Donations of bric-a-brac, jigsaws and plants for the tabletop sale and new/unused items for Norton Hill would be gratefully received. Please keep hold of items until nearer the dates when more info will be available.

Volunteers and cake/biscuit makers are needed for these events. If you can help please speak to Sue Strickland or Julie in the church office.

### **Confirmation**

Bishop Jane will be coming back to Heacham Parish Church on Sunday 24th July for a confirmation service. If you are interested in being confirmed at this service (or if you don't know what confirmation is and would like to know) Please talk to Veronica.



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