

RESURRECTION GOSPEL (2)



18th April 2021

Christ has indeed been raised from the dead

I Corinthians 15: 20 - 34



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WELCOME AND NOTICES

ACM today at 14:00 via zoom



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CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die” (John 11:25-26).



OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, Lord of Life and Conqueror of death, we gather to praise and worship you, for in your love and mercy, and by your power and sovereignty, you have won a great victory through the resurrection of



your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. By your Holy Spirit, may we know your resurrection power in our lives and at this time; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



CONFESSION

We read in 1 John 1:8-9 that 'If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.'



Therefore, let us confess our sins.

God of mercy and love, in humbleness of heart we confess our sins. We forget to love and serve you, and wander from your ways. We are careless of your world, and put its life in danger.



**We talk of our concern for others
but fail to match our words with
action. Merciful God, forgive us our
sins and bring us to everlasting life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**



As you have prayed so now receive
God's pardon and peace. Know that
he remembers your sins no more.
Thanks be to God. **Amen.**

THE GREATEST DAY IN HISTORY



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I CORINTHIANS 15: 20 - 34

20 But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. 22 For as in Adam all



die, so in Christ all will be made alive.
23 But each in turn: Christ, the first
fruits; then, when he comes, those who
belong to him. 24 Then the end will
come, when he hands over the
kingdom to God the Father after he
has destroyed all dominion, authority
and power.

25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death. 27 For he 'has put everything under his feet'. Now when it says that 'everything' has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. 28 When



he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.

29 Now if there is no resurrection, what will those do who are baptised for the dead? If the dead are



not raised at all, why are people baptised for them? 30 And as for us, why do we endanger ourselves every hour? 31 I face death every day – yes, just as surely as I boast about you in Christ Jesus our Lord. 32 If I fought wild beasts in Ephesus with no more than human hopes, what have I gained?

If the dead are not raised,
'Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow
we die.'

33 Do not be misled: 'Bad company
corrupts good character.' 34 Come
back to your senses as you ought,



and stop sinning; for there are some who are ignorant of God – I say this to your shame.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Blessed are you, Lord our
God, from the first to the last.**

**We offer to you all we have
and all we are for the good of
your church and the glory**



**of your name; through
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

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**BUT CHRIST HAS INDEED BEEN RAISED
FROM THE DEAD PART 1 WHAT IF...?**

IF CHRIST HAD NOT BEEN
RAISED FROM DEATH



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**BUT CHRIST HAS INDEED BEEN RAISED
FROM THE DEAD PART 2 SO WHAT...?**



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INTERCESSIONS

God of love and power, we pray for your Church in this parish and throughout the world, that, through the courage and faith of your people, your word may be preached and lived.



We pray for the Queen and all the Royal Family at this time of loss and mourning. Give to them the strength and grace they will need for the days ahead. We thank you for Prince Philip, for his service and devotion to the Queen over so many years. We thank you for his Christian faith, his firm

belief in the promise of eternal life to those who believe in the crucified and risen Lord, and rejoice that he now shares in that eternal joy and peace where life is lived in your very presence.

We pray for our community, our

country and all the nations of the world in this time of pandemic, that we may grasp the importance of a vaccine for everyone across the world with or without ability to pay.

We pray for all who are in trouble, that those who are sick may be cared for, those who are lonely be



sustained, those who are oppressed be strengthened, and those who mourn be comforted, and those who are close to death may know their risen Lord.

We give thanks for those who have died in the faith, especially those known to us, who have entered into the joy



and peace of your presence. May we who follow their example also share with them in the glory of eternal life in our risen Lord Jesus, who with the Father and Holy Spirit is worshipped and praised for ever. **Amen.**



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 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.**



ALL MY DAYS



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CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

May the power of the cross, the joy of the resurrection, and the presence of our risen Lord be with you, now and always. **Amen.**



And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and with all whom you love this day and for evermore. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

