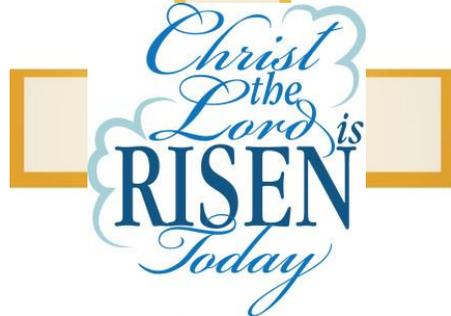


We are sharing these prayers and readings among members of our Church families to bring us together during this difficult period when we aren't able to hold our usual services. We are happy that you have joined us.

## 12<sup>th</sup> April 2020 Easter Day

THE PARISH CHURCHES OF  
STAINTON, HILTON AND BROOKFIELD



### Thought for the day

**It is true, Jesus is alive for all time. The Lord of life cannot be held by death . God's victory over sin and death means that new life for us is a reality**

*Alleluia Christ is risen.*

*He is risen indeed, Alleluia*

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 for ever. Amen.

**COLLECT** the prayer set for Easter Day

Lord of all life and power,  
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him:  
grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory;  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. Amen

Acts of the Apostles. Ch10. v34-43

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how 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.

We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not 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. He 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. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Psalms 118.1-2, 14-24

**On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim, 'His mercy endures for ever.'

**On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

14 The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.

15 There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous:

16 'The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! the right hand of the Lord is exalted! the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!'

**On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

17 I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

18 The Lord has punished me sorely, but he did not hand me over to death.

19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.

**On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

20 'This is the gate of the Lord; whoever is righteous may enter.'

21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation.

22 The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief corner-stone. **On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

23 This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.

24 **On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

A reading from the gospel I of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb.

And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men.

But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.'

So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

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

Easter Intercessions. Please add your own petitions\_or asking prayers

**Let us pray to the one true God who brings us all to life**

Lord God we pray that Christians may proclaim with joy your message of hope for the world.

**Life giving God,, transform our lives**

We pray for the world in which we live: for those who lead and take important decisions in this time of crisis

**Life giving God,, transform our lives**

For those who are troubled, anxious, ill. All who have little energy left to rejoice.

For all who are offering their lives, their time and their security to care for others or to keep us all safe.

**Life giving God,, transform our lives**

We commend to God's care and safe keeping those who have died and we give thanks for lives well lived. May they know the joy of heaven

**Life giving God,, transform our lives**

Lord God, we thank you for the precious gift of new life; for the joy of birth and springtime. Help us never to take it for granted, but live each moment in the fullness of life that Jesus has gained for us. Amen

**Archbishop Desmond Tutu said**

This is tremendous stuff.. this is good news ... 'Whilst we were yet sinners', says St Paul, 'Christ died for us'. God did not wait until we were dieable for ... he could have waited till the cows came home

*A verse that offers hope in the present crisis*

The veil of darkness

Transformed to the brightest light.

The most dreadful end

Became the most beautiful beginning.

The depths of despair

Fade to reveal hope everlasting.

The curse of death

Defeated by eternal life.

Thank you Lord, for the wonder of Easter.

**Tomb thou shalt not hold him longer,**

**Death is strong, but life is stronger,**

**Stronger than the dark, the light;**

**Stronger than the wrong, the right;**

**Faith and Hope triumphant say,**

**Christ has risen on Easter Day.**

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