

Holsworthy Benefice

April News Sheet

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	Bridgerule	Hollacombe	Holsworthy	Pancrasweek	Pyworthy
30th March			10am Mothering Sunday Eucharist		9.30am Mothering Sunday Family
6th April	11am Sung Eucharist	9.30am Mass	9.30am Sung Eucharist		9.30am Sung Eucharist
13th April	11am Morning Prayer	3pm Evensong	11am Sung Eucharist		9.30am Sung Eucharist
16th April			10am BCP Holy Communion		
17th April Maundy Thursday		7.30pm Mass & The Watch	7pm Eucharist 9pm Compline		
18th April Good Friday		3pm Veneration	10.30am Walk of Witness The Square		2pm Last Hour
19th April Easter Eve		8pm Easter Vigil	8pm Service of Light		
20th April Easter Sunday	11am Easter Eucharist	9.30am First Mass of Easter	9.30am Easter Eucharist		3pm Easter Eucharist & Easter & Egg Hunt
27th April	11am All Age Eucharist		11am Cafe style Church	9.30am All Age Service	9.30am Morning Prayer
4th May	11am Sung Eucharist	9.30am Mass	9.30am Sung Eucharist		9.30am Family Service

Bridgerule, Hollacombe, Holsworthy and Pyworthy with Pancrasweek
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HAPPY EASTER!

During April we move through the second half of Lent. Passion Sunday reminds us of Jesus' suffering. Jesus countered power and force with weakness and suffering, and in our own discipleship we accept suffering as part of the call to follow Christ. The Kingdom of God is a kingdom of love, forgiveness and gentleness.

On Palm Sunday we see Jesus acclaimed king by the crowds and we too worship him as our heavenly king. Holy Week follows. We follow Jesus' last week by celebrating his Last Supper, remembering that he called us to be his servants as he washed his disciples' feet, and taught us to love one another through his teaching: 'A new commandment I give you. Love one another.'



Maundy Thursday leads into Good Friday. The Walk of Witness, complete with large wooden cross, gathers in Holsworthy Square at 10.30am before processing through the streets and park to return to St Peter & Paul for hot cross buns and the music of a Bassoon Ensemble. In the afternoon, Good Friday services at Hollacombe and Pyworthy relate the story of Jesus' crucifixion. From the cross, Jesus prayed, 'Forgive them Father, for they know not what they do.'

On Easter Eve & Easter Day we celebrate the triumph of Jesus over death with his resurrection. His kingdom of love, forgiveness and gentleness is more powerful than evil. By rising from the dead, he reveals the glory and invitation to eternal life. If Jesus is resurrected then those who believe in him will be resurrected. If his sufferings lead to so great a glory, our own sufferings will be as nothing compared to the glory we will share with him. We rejoice at the hope of new life.

Easter eggs remind us of new life. Lent is a season of renewal drawing us ever closer to the new life found in Jesus. As we follow him, we are being changed to become more and more like him. We seek him through our worship and prayer.

*Eternal God, give to all who seek you a humble mind and a pure heart
that they may know your Son Jesus Christ as the Way, the Truth and the Life.*

Happy Easter!

from your Rector, Alison

Readings for April

6th April – Purple

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126
Phillippians 3:4b-14
Gospel John 12: 1-8

13th April – Red

Palm Sunday

Gospel Luke 19: 28-40
Psalm 118: 1-2. 19-end
Psalm 118: 19-24
Isaiah 50: 4-9a
Psalm 31: 9-16
Psalm 31: 9-18
Phillippians 2: 5-11
Gospel Luke 22: 14 -end of 23
Gospel Luke 23: 1-49

20th April – White

Easter Day

Acts 10: 34-43
Isaiah 65: 17-end
Psalm 118: 1-2. 14-24 (or 118: 14-24)
1 Corinthians 15: 19-26
Acts 10: 43-43
Gospel John 20: 1-18
Gospel Luke 24: 1-12

27th April – White

Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5: 27-32
Exodus 14: 10-end; 15: 20. 21
Psalm 118:14-end
Psalm 150
Revelations 1: 4-8
Acts 5: 27-32
Gospel John 20: 19-end

The winners of the St Peter's Monthly Jackpot Draw drawn in March were:

1st Prize, £18.50 – ticket number 40, Judi

2nd Prize, £3.70 – ticket number 50, Bridget

St Peter's Monthly Jackpot Draw

Renewals for the 2025/26 year are now due. The price is still only £12 for the year. If you would like to renew your ticket(s), please could you make payment as follows:

online payment	A/c name	PCC of Holsworthy Parish Church
	Sort Code	53 50 52
	A/c Number	05007216

Please use surname and/or ticket number(s) as a reference

Cheque made payable to 'PCC of Holsworthy Parish Church'

Please deliver cheque or cash to the Treasurer at Lyndhurst, North Road or to The Rectory, Bodmin Street.

If you would like more tickets or know of anyone else who might wish to support Holsworthy Parish Church in this way, please contact the Treasurer on 07790 380119.

Children's Easter Craft Session

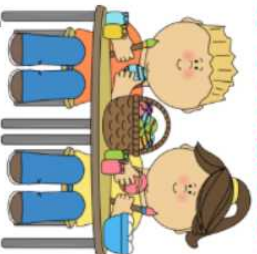
will take place on

Sunday 13th April

3.00pm until 4.30pm,

The session is **FREE** of charge
and refreshments are available.

There will be a party bag to take home.



at Pyworthy Church



Easter Service, including

an Easter Egg Hunt &

Easter Craft activities

will take place in

Pyworthy Church at

3.00pm on

Sunday 20th April.

Easter



EGG HUNT

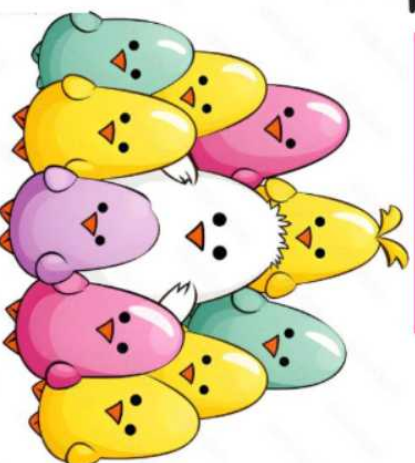
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HOLSWORTHY

TOWN BAND



INVITES YOU TO AN EVENING OF MUSICAL

ENTERTAINMENT AT:

St. Peter & St. Paul Church

1 North Road

Holsworthy, EX22 6DE

On Friday 25th April 2025

At 7.30pm

The concert will include the world premier of
'Nature's Soul,' a musical Celtic journey from the
sea to the mountains, meeting some Celtic Myths
and Legends along the way,
composed by the band's Musical Director Kevin Ackford.

FREE ENTRY

Donations will be gratefully accepted on exit.

All funds collected will be divided between the Church
Bell Restoration Fund and the Band.

A Raffle will also be held.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Notices

Tuesday 1st & 8th April – last two sessions of the Lent Course. The Rectory 7-9pm.

Thursday 3rd – Bridgerule Primary School Easter Service 9.15am in Bridgerule Chapel

Saturday 12th – Pyworthy 2pm Easter Crafts Workshop

Maundy Thursday 17th – Eucharist followed by the Watch, 7 / 7.30pm at Holsworthy / Hollacombe

Good Friday 18th – Walk of Witness, 10.30am Holsworthy Town Square; The Last Hour Readings & Reflection, 2pm, Hollacombe & Pyworthy

Easter Eve 19th – First Eucharist of Easter, 7.30 / 8pm at Hollacombe / Holsworthy

Easter Day 20th – Easter Eucharist 9.30am Holsworthy & Hollacombe; 10.30am Bridgerule;

Easter Egg Hunt 3pm at Pyworthy

Friday 25th – Town Band Concert 6-9pm in St Peter & Paul

APCMs

1st May – St Peter & Paul

8th May – St Petroc

14th May – St Bridget

Anyone want a Yamaha baby grand piano , if so please let me know if you will take it or have someone who will care for it.



**AMAZING
VALUE
OPEN FOR
EVERYONE**

Each bag costs £5 and has a minimum value of £15

**Holsworthy Food Hub is open every Friday 1pm – 2pm
at**

**Holsworthy Methodist Church Hall, Bodmin Street,
from 1-2pm on Fridays**

- Buy £15* worth of food for £5, aimed at people who are on a low income or struggling financially, to help them stretch their budgets. You might have a big bill come in and just want to use the hub for a short time. There is just a simple form to complete and no referral needed. Friendly help is on offer from a lovely team of kind volunteers.
- Choose your items from a wide selection like in a normal shop/supermarket
- You can pop in and out quickly to do your shop or stay for a cup of coffee. Free refreshments, friendly market / cafe atmosphere
- Children are welcome but we can't have dogs - sorry.
- If there are 4 or more people in your household, you can buy two bags.

Please email: holsworthyfoodhub@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Find us on Facebook 'Holsworthy Food Hub'

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Please come and visit us – we would love to see you !

Coffee Morning

Your donation can help save lives

**christian
aid** **GAZA APPEAL**

**9am-12
Holsworthy
Memorial Hall
April 23rd**

Christians Together in Holsworthy District



WHAT'S ON AT HOLSWORTHY LIBRARY - APRIL 2025

- Permaculture Talk with Trigon Farm, Wednesday 2nd - 7pm. Free but booking essential.
- Bounce & Rhyme, Thursday 3rd & 24th (term time only) - 2:15pm - 2:45pm
- Digital Workshop with Learn Devon: Using Apps, Friday 4th - 10am-12pm. Free but booking essential.
- Clothes Upcycling Workshop, Saturday 5th - 2pm-4pm. Booking essential £5
- Cosy Poetry Discussion Evening, Monday 7th - 7pm. Free but booking essential.
- Lego Challenge Day, Wednesday 9th - 11am-4pm (drop in session)
- Board Games and Biscuits, Thursday 10th & 17th - 11am-4pm (drop in sessions)
- Lloyds Bank Community Banking session, Monday 14th & 28th - 2pm-4pm
- Egg box sow & grow activity for children, Wednesday 16th - 11am-4pm (drop in session)
- *Creative Workshop with the Resource Centre, Embellished Felt Brooches, **1st May** - 10:00am-12:00pm, booking essential, £2*
- Lego and games for children. Every Saturday - 10am-12pm

Free hot drinks available during opening hours. Most events are free but, donations always welcome
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Your Parish Church Welcome to your local parish church. Your church belongs to you - to those who live in its parish. It is here for you through all of life: for christenings, weddings and funerals as well as on Sundays.

Weddings

Do you know that you can marry in your local church whether or not you are Christened or go to church? Talk to your vicar who will explain how to book in a wedding. The church also offers pre and post-marriage courses and church blessings, the renewal of vows and the blessing of wedding rings at anytime before or after your wedding.

Funerals

Your church is here for you and your family whenever you need us, offering friendship, support and prayers. If you are bereaved, or have recently lost loved ones, our prayers are with you. If you would like to use our church premises for a funeral, memorial or burial please do contact us. If you would like to talk with someone either before or after a death we will arrange a meeting with one of the church members or your vicar.

Christening / Baptism

A Christening or Baptism marks the beginning of the Christian life. You don't need to know anything about the Christian faith to be baptised (though it helps), and you are encouraged to grow as a Christian through learning to follow Jesus' teachings. A Christening takes place at the church font which is usually placed near the door of the church building. This is to remind us that baptism is often the entry point to the Christian faith.

Booking To book in a wedding, a christening or a funeral, or for anything else, please contact

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COLLECT

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection
of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who
suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of
his victory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our
Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Isaiah 43:16-21

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD, who makes
a way in the sea, a path in the
mighty waters, who brings out
chariot and horse, army and
warrior; they lie down, they
cannot rise, they are extinguished,
quenched like a wick: Do not
remember the former things, or
consider the things of old. I am
about to do a new thing; now it
springs forth, do you not perceive
it? I will make a way in the
wilderness and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honour me,
the jackals and the ostriches; for I
give water in the wilderness, rivers
in the desert, to give drink to my
chosen people, the people whom
I formed for myself so that they
might declare my praise.

PSALM Psalm 126

R *The Lord has indeed done great things for us.*

When the Lord restored the
fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who
dream.
Then was our mouth filled with
laughter
and our tongue with songs of joy. **R**
Then said they among the nations,
"The Lord has done great things
for them."

The Lord has indeed done great
things for us,
and therefore we rejoiced. **R**

Restore again our fortunes, O Lord,
as the river beds of the desert.

Those who sow in tears
shall reap with songs of joy.
Those who go out weeping,
bearing the seed,
will come back with shouts of joy,
bearing their sheaves with them. **R**

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:4b-14

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

If anyone else has reason to be
confident in the flesh, I have
more: circumcised on the eighth
day, a member of the people of
Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin,
a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as
to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal,
a persecutor of the church; as
to righteousness under the law,
blameless. Yet whatever gains I
had, these I have come to regard
as loss because of Christ. More
than that, I regard everything as
loss because of the surpassing
value of knowing Christ Jesus my
Lord. For his sake I have suffered
the loss of all things, and I regard
them as rubbish, in order that I
may gain Christ and be found in
him, not having a righteousness
of my own that comes from the
law, but one that comes through
faith in Christ, the righteousness
from God based on faith. I want to
know Christ and the power of his
resurrection and the sharing of his
sufferings by becoming like him in
his death, if somehow I may attain
the resurrection from the dead.
Not that I have already obtained
this or have already reached the
goal; but I press on to make it my
own, because Christ Jesus has
made me his own. Beloved, I do
not consider that I have made it
my own; but this one thing I do:

forgetting what lies behind and
straining forward to what lies
ahead, I press on towards the goal
for the prize of the heavenly call of
God in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL John 12:1-8

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Six days before the Passover
Jesus came to Bethany, the home
of Lazarus, whom he had raised
from the dead. There they gave
a dinner for him. Martha served,
and Lazarus was one of those at
the table with him. Mary took a
pound of costly perfume made of
pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet,
and wiped them with her hair. The
house was filled with the fragrance
of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot,
one of his disciples (the one who
was about to betray him), said,
"Why was this perfume not sold
for three hundred denarii and the
money given to the poor?" (He
said this not because he cared
about the poor, but because he
was a thief; he kept the common
purse and used to steal what was
put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her
alone. She bought it so that she
might keep it for the day of my
burial. You always have the poor
with you, but you do not always
have me."

POST COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of
our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant
of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for
us,
but are alive and reign, now and
for ever.



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COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the
human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example
of his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his
resurrection;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

LITURGY OF THE PALMS

GOSPEL Luke 19:28-40

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke.

Jesus went on ahead, going up to
Jerusalem. When he had come near
Bethphage and Bethany, at the place
called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of
the disciples, saying, "Go into the village
ahead of you, and as you enter it you
will find tied there a colt that has never
been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If
anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?'
just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those
who were sent departed and found it as
he had told them. As they were untying
the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are
you untying the colt?" They said, "The
Lord needs it." Then they brought it to
Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on
the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode
along, people kept spreading their cloaks
on the road. As he was now approaching
the path down from the Mount of Olives,
the whole multitude of the disciples began
to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for
all the deeds of power that they had seen,
saying, "Blessed is the king who comes
in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!" Some
of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him,
"Teacher, order your disciples to stop."
He answered, "I tell you, if these were
silent, the stones would shout out."

PSALM

Either Psalm 118:1-2, 19-end

R This is the day that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim,
"His mercy endures for ever." **R**

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter and give thanks to the
Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it. **R**
I will give thanks to you, for you have
answered me
and have become my salvation.
The stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone. **R**

This is the Lord's doing,
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it. **R**

Come, O Lord, and save us we pray.
Come, Lord, send us now prosperity.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of
the Lord;
we bless you from the house of the Lord. **R**

The Lord is God; he has given us light;
link the pilgrims with cords right to the
horns of the altar.
You are my God and I will thank you;
you are my God and I will exalt you.
O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever. **R**

Or Psalm 118:19-24

LITURGY OF THE PASSION

FIRST READING Isaiah 50:4-9a

A reading from the book of the prophet
Isaiah.

The servant of the LORD said: The Lord
GOD has given me the tongue of a
teacher, that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word. Morning by
morning he awakens – awakens my ear to
listen as those who are taught. The Lord
GOD has opened my ear, and I was not
rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I
gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out
the beard; I did not hide my face from
insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps
me; therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint, and
I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near. Who
will contend with me? Let us stand up
together. Who are my adversaries? Let
them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who
helps me; who will declare me guilty?

PSALM

Either Psalm 31:9-16

R Into your hands I commend my
spirit.

Have mercy on me, Lord, for I am in
trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
my soul and my body also.
For my life is wasted with grief,
and my years with sighing;

my strength fails me because of my
affliction, and my bones are consumed. **R**

I have become a reproach to all my enemies
and even to my neighbours,
an object of dread to my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street they flee
from me. **R**

I am forgotten like one that is dead, out
of mind;
I have become like a broken vessel.
For I have heard the whispering of the
crowd, fear is on every side;
they scheme together against me,
and plot to take my life. **R**

But my trust is in you, O Lord.
I have said, "You are my God.
"My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.
"Make your face to shine upon your
servant,
and save me for your mercy's sake." **R**

Or Psalm 31:9-18

SECOND READING Philippians 2:5-11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the
Philippians.

Let the same mind be in you that was
in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in
the form of God, did not regard equality
with God as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself, taking the form of a
slave, being born in human likeness. And
being found in human form, he humbled
himself and became obedient to the
point of death – even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him and
gave him the name that is above every
name, so that at the name of Jesus every
knee should bend, in heaven and on earth
and under the earth, and every tongue
should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to
the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL (Long or short reading)

Luke 22:14 – end of 23

Or Luke 23:1-49

POST COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in taking the form of
a servant,
and in obedience died on the cross for
our salvation:
give us the mind to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father.



COLLECT

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.

FIRST READING

The reading from Acts must be used as either the first or second reading.

Either **Acts 10:34-43**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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."

Or **Isaiah 65:17-end**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice for ever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labour

in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD – and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent – its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

PSALM Psalm 118:1-2. 14-24 [or 118:14-24] 

R I will give thanks to you,
for you have become my salvation.

The Lord is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.
Joyful shouts of salvation
sound from the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of the Lord does mighty
deeds; the right hand of the Lord raises up;
the right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds." **R**

I shall not die, but live
and declare the works of the Lord.
The Lord has punished me sorely,
but he has not given me over to death. **R**

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.
This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it. **R**

I will give thanks to you, for you have answered
me
and have become my salvation.
The stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
This is the Lord's doing,
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it. **R**

SECOND READING

Either **1 Corinthians 15:19-26**

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Or **Acts 10:34-43**

GOSPEL

Either **John 20:1-18**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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. 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." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; 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. 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." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?" 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." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). 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.'" 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.

Or **Luke 24:1-12**

POST COMMUNION

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.



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COLLECT

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for
our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of
malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus
Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

The reading from Acts must be used as either the first or second reading.

Either **Acts 5:27-32**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they made them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Or **Exodus 14:10-end; 15:20. 21**

PSALM

Either **Psalm 118:14-end**

R *This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.*

or

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

The Lord is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.
Joyful shouts of salvation
sound from the tents of the righteous: **R**

"The right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds; the right hand of the Lord raises up;
the right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds."

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

The Lord has punished me sorely,
but he has not given me over to death.
Open to me the gates of righteousness,

that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord. **R**

This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.
I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and have become my salvation. **R**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
This is the Lord's doing,
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it. **R**

Come, O Lord, and save us we pray.
Come, Lord, send us now prosperity.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;
we bless you from the house of the Lord.
The Lord is God; he has given us light;
link the pilgrims with cords right to the horns of the altar. **R**
You are my God and I will thank you;
you are my God and I will exalt you.
O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever. **R**

Or Psalm 150

R *Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.*

Alleluia!
O praise God in his holiness;
praise him in the firmament of his power.
Praise him for his mighty acts;
praise him according to his excellent greatness. **R**

Praise him with the blast of the trumpet;
praise him upon the harp and lyre.
Praise him with timbrel and dances;
praise him upon the strings and pipe. **R**

Praise him with ringing cymbals;
praise him upon the clashing cymbals.
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.
Alleluia! **R**

SECOND READING

Revelation 1:4-8

A reading from the book of Revelation.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Or **Acts 5:27-32**

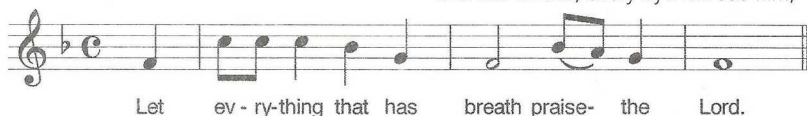
GOSPEL John 20:19-end

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

It was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "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 (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

POST COMMUNION

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.



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