

Welcome to Evening Prayer
12 April 2026
Second Sunday of Easter



Welcome

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life”

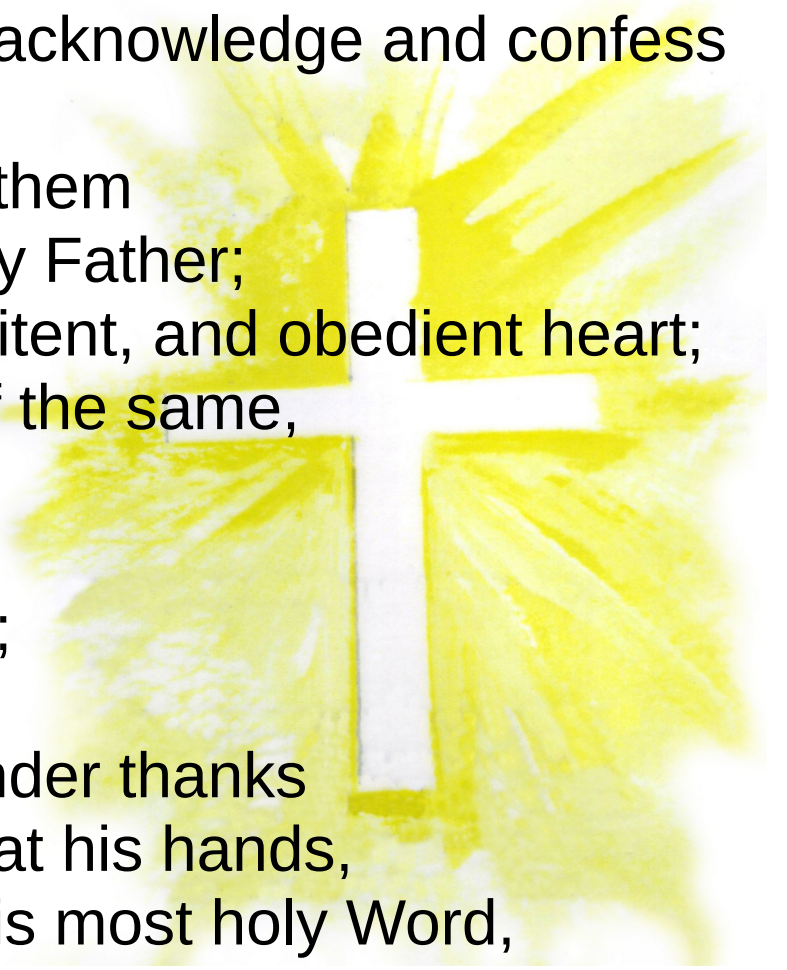
(John chapter 3, verse 16, NIV).



Dearly beloved brethren,
the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess
our manifold sins and wickedness;
and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them
before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father;
but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart;
to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same,
by his infinite goodness and mercy.

And although we ought at all times
humbly to acknowledge our sins before God;
yet ought we most chiefly so to do,
when we assemble and meet together to render thanks
for the great benefits that we have received at his hands,
to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word,
and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary,
as well for the body as the soul.

Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present,
to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice
unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me:



THE GENERAL CONFESSION

Almighty and most merciful Father,
We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
We have followed too much
the devices and desires of our own hearts,
We have offended against thy holy laws,
We have left undone those things
which we ought to have done,
And we have done those things
which we ought not to have done,
And there is no health in us:
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders;
Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults,
Restore thou them that are penitent,
According to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesu our Lord:
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.



Collect for The Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity

To be used after general confession when a priest is not present)

*Grant, we beseech thee, merciful Lord,
to thy faithful people pardon and peace;
that they may be cleansed from all their sins,
and serve thee with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen



Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that 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.




Priest. O Lord, open thou our lips.
Answer. And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.
Priest. O God, make speed to save us.
Answer. O Lord, make haste to help us.
Priest. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
Answer. As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
Priest. Praise ye the Lord.
Answer. The Lord's Name be praised.



Psalm 16

The Lord is my strength, and my song : and is become my salvation.
The voice of joy and health is in the dwellings of the righteous :
the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass.
The right hand of the Lord hath the pre-eminence :
the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass.
I shall not die, but live : and declare the works of the Lord.
The Lord hath chastened and corrected me :
but he hath not given me over unto death.
Open me the gates of righteousness :
that I may go into them, and give thanks unto the Lord.
This is the gate of the Lord : the righteous shall enter into it.
I will thank thee, for thou hast heard me : and art become my salvation.
The same stone which the builders refused :
is become the head-stone in the corner.
This is the Lord's doing : and it is marvellous in our eyes.
This is the day which the Lord hath made :
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

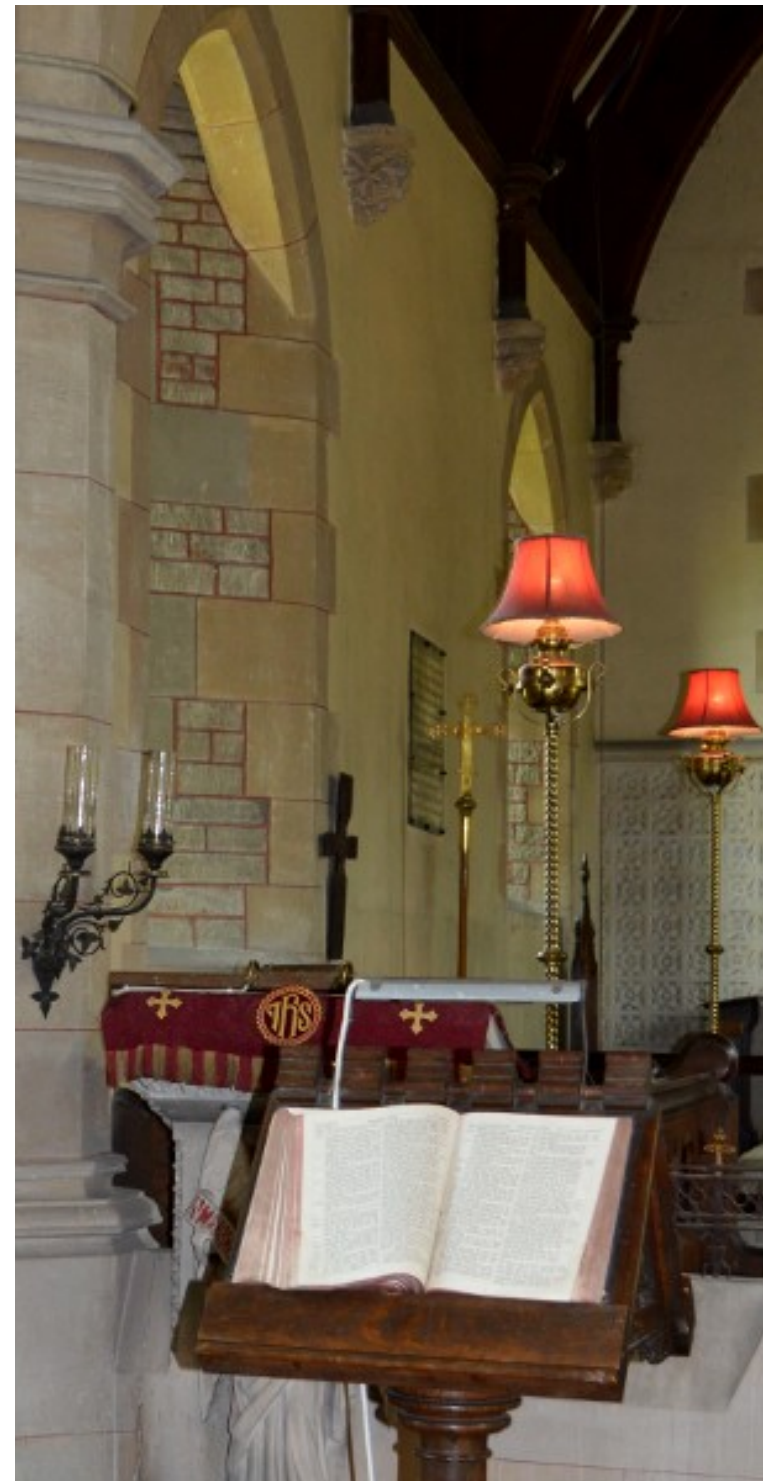


Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end.
Amen.



First Reading

Acts 2, 14 and 22-32



Magnificat (Luke 1)

My soul doth magnify the Lord :
and my spirit hath rejoiced
in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded :
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.
For behold, from henceforth :
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me :
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him :
throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm :
he hath scattered the proud
in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty
from their seat :
and hath exalted the humble and meek.

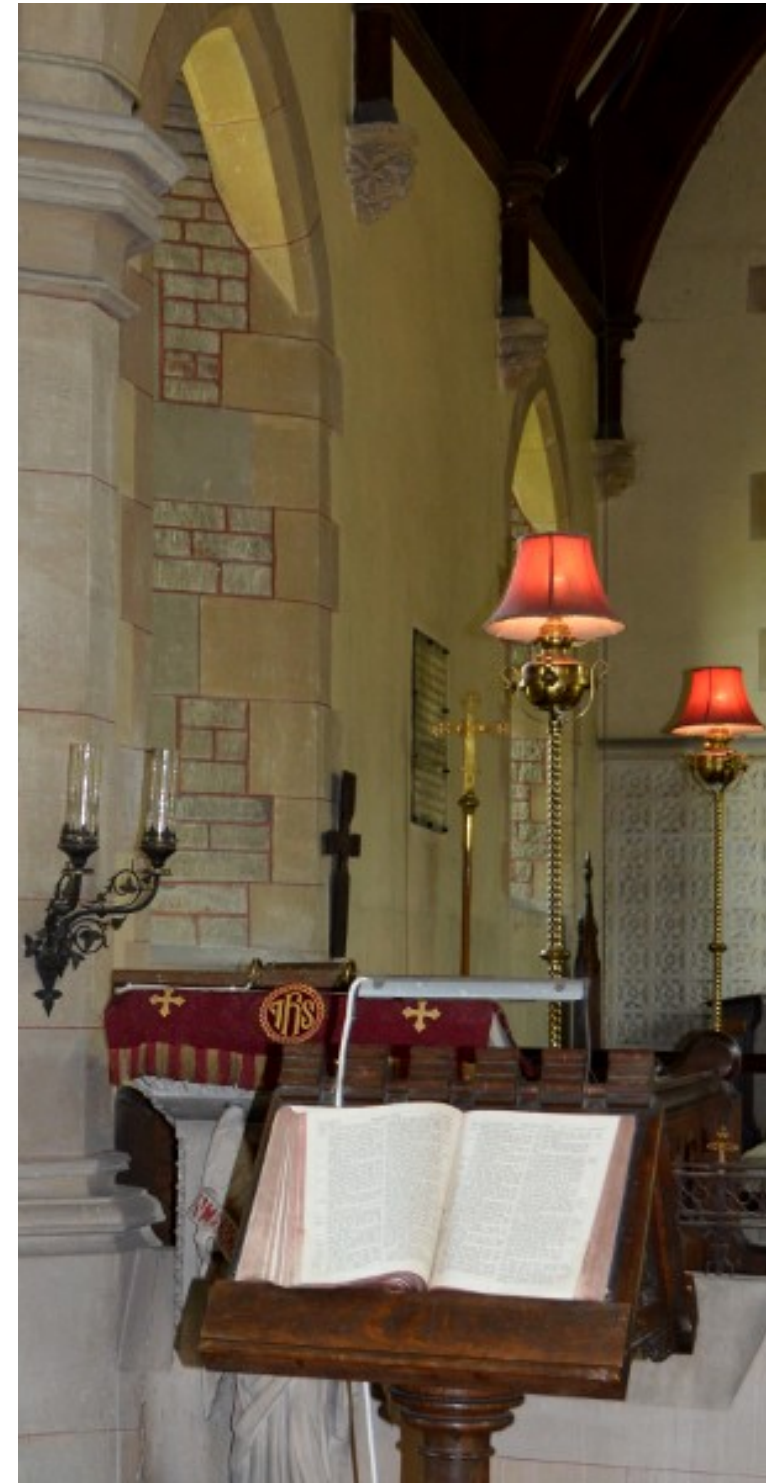


He hath filled the hungry with good things :
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy
hath holpen his servant Israel :
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be :
world without end.
Amen.



Second Reading:
John 20, 19-30



Nunc Dimittis Luke 2.29

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant
depart in peace :
according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation;
Which thou hast prepared :
before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles :
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.



The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
The holy Catholick Church;
The Communion of Saints;
The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body,
And the Life everlasting. Amen.



Priest. The Lord be with you.

Answer. And with thy spirit.

Priest. Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

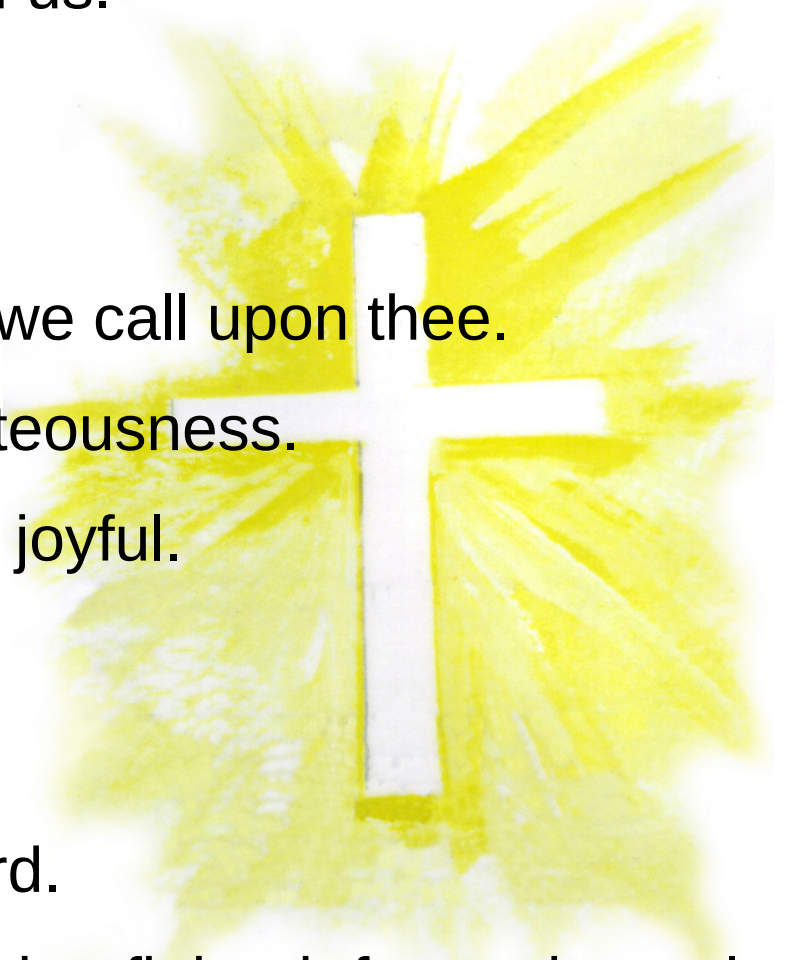
Answer. Christ, have mercy upon us.

Priest. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
Amen.



Priest. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
Answer. And grant us thy salvation.
Priest. O Lord, save the King.
Answer. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Priest. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
Answer. And make thy chosen people joyful.
Priest. O Lord, save thy people.
Answer. And bless thine inheritance.
Priest. Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Answer. Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
Priest. O God, make clean our hearts within us.
Answer. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.



The Collect for the day

Almighty God,
who hast given thine only Son
to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin,
and also an example of godly life:
Give us grace
that we may always most thankfully
receive that his inestimable benefit,
and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow
the blessed steps of his most holy life;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen



The Second Collect at Evening Prayer

O God, from whom all holy desires,
all good counsels,
and all just works do proceed:
Give unto thy servants that peace
which the world cannot give;
that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments,
and also that by thee we being defended
from the fear of our enemies
may pass our time in rest and quietness;
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.



The Third Collect, for Aid against all Perils

Lighten our darkness,
we beseech thee, O Lord;
and by thy great mercy
defend us from all perils and dangers of this night;
for the love of thy only Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.



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Intercession



The Grace

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

Amen.

