



ChalkeValley
Church

Chalke Valley Benefice e-Service Sunday 11th April



Opening music – [click here](#)

2nd Sunday of Easter



Welcome – [click here](#)

**Christ yesterday and today
The beginning and the end
Alpha and Omega
All time belongs to him
And all ages
To him be glory and power
Through every age and for ever Amen**

Alleluia. Christ is risen
He is risen indeed. Alleluia

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

The light of Christ
Thanks be to God

The Exsultet – [click here](#)

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing choirs of angels!
O universe, dance around God's throne!
Jesus Christ our King, is risen
Sound the victorious trumpet of salvation!

Rejoice. O earth in glory, revealing the splendour of creation,
Radiant in the brightness of your triumphant king
Christ has conquered! Now his life and glory fill you!
Darkness vanishes for ever!

Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory!
The risen saviour, our Lord of life, shines upon you!
Let all God's people sing and shout for joy,



Hymn – Crown Him with Many Crowns – [click here](#)

Act of penitence – [click here](#)

Let us confess our sins. In a moment of silence we bring to mind our sins and ask God for his forgiveness.
Like Mary at the empty tomb
We fail to grasp the wonder of your presence
Lord have mercy
Lord, have mercy

Like the disciples behind locked doors
We are afraid to be seen as your followers
Christ have mercy
Christ have mercy.

Like Thomas in the upper room
We are slow to believe
Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy.

Absolution

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

The Collect

Risen Christ.
For whom no door is locked. No entrance barred:
Open the doors of our hearts.
That we may seek the good of others
And walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace.
To the praise of God the Father
Amen



Reading taken from John's Gospel chapter 20 read by George Brutton– [click here](#)

When it was evening on that day, 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.



Homily - [click here](#)

The Revd Canon Ann Philp

Hope is putting
faith to work
when doubting
would be easier.





Intercessions – [click here](#)

As we give thanks for the Resurrection of Jesus, we bring to mind our broken world and pray for all who suffer at this time.

As we think about all that has changed this year, help us to trust that you are always with us.

As we remember those who have died, help us to trust that they are at peace with you.

As we reach out to others with kindness and care, may hope shine out in every heart and home. Amen

We remember the words of St Paul...

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39

Jesus Light of the world bring the light and peace of your gospel to the nations

Jesus Lord of life **In your mercy hear us**

Jesus Bread of Life give food to the hungry and
nourish us all with your word

Jesus Lord of Life **In your mercy hear us**

Jesus, our way, our truth, our life. Be with us and all who follow you in the way. Deepen our appreciation of your truth and fill us with your life

Jesus Lord of life **In your mercy hear us.**

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

We join together and say the prayer that Jesus taught us

Our Father in heaven

Hallowed be your name

Your Kingdom come

Your will be done on earth as it is 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



Hymn - Thine be the Glory – [click here](#)

Blessing – [click here](#)

God the Father

By whose glory Christ was raised from the dead.

Strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life

and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit

Be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Closing Music – Bird Song – [click here](#)



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