**Easter Communion**

**All Saints’, Newtown Linford**

*Easter Day, 31 March 2024*

**Welcome**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**He has given us new life and hope.**

**He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

God has claimed us as his own.

**He has brought us out of darkness.**

**He has made us light to the world.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

267 **Jesus Christ is risen today**

## Confession

Jesus Christ, risen master and triumphant Lord,

we come to you in sorrow for our sins,

and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,

and not by the power of your resurrection.

In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,

as faithless and not believing.

In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone,

and doubted our home in heaven.

In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

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 Gloria**

**Glory to God in the highest,**

**and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,**

**almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks,**

**we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world:**

**have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father:**

**receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,**

**you alone are the Lord,**

**you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,**

**with the Holy Spirit,**

**in the glory of God the Father.**

**Amen.**

## The Collect

Let us pray for new life in Christ.

*Silence is kept.*

**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.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

### First reading: Acts 10.34-43

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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### Gospel reading: John 20.1-18

### Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

## The Creed

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,   
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,   
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,   
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.   
Amen.**

## Intercessions

Jesus, Lord of life,

**in your mercy, hear us.**

**The Peace**

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples

and said, ‘Peace be with you.’

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**and also with you.**

*Signs of God’s peace are shared. Please be considerate of those*

*who wish to do so at a distance or without touching*

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## The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

always and everywhere to give you thanks,

almighty and eternal Father,

and in these days of Easter

to celebrate with joyful hearts

the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion

Jesus Christ, your risen Son,

has conquered the powers of death and hell

and restored in men and women the image of your glory.

He has placed them once more in paradise

and opened to them the gate of life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover,

earth and heaven resound with gladness,

while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation

sing for ever the hymn of your glory.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit,  
inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,   
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## The Lord’s Prayer

Rejoicing in God’s new creation,

let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who 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.**

## Breaking of the bread

Every time we eat this bread  
and drink this cup,

**we proclaim the Lord’s death  
until he comes.**

## Giving of Communion

*Please come forward to receive, starting at the front.*

*You may receive the wine* either *by drinking from the shared chalice* or

*the bread can be dipped in the wine by the president*

*before being placed in your hand.*

*If you wish to receive the second way, please hold out* ***one hand*** *only at the rail.*

*Sanitizer will be available to use before and/or after you receive if you wish.*

*Please allow others social distance if they wish it.*

## Post Communion prayer

**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.**

**Amen.**

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## The Blessing and Dismissal

God the Father,  
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,  
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.

**Amen**.

God the Son,  
who in bursting the grave has won a glorious victory,  
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

**Amen**.

God the Holy Spirit,  
whom the risen Lord breathed into his disciples,  
empower you and fill you with Christ’s peace.

**Amen**.

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen**.

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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**APCM**

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on Sunday 28 April as part of the 10am service. As well as receiving reports about church life and electing people to represent the congregation on the PCC and as churchwardens, our major focus will be on helping prepare our self-reflection as a church – our Story Board – in order to help us engage in the Shaped by God Together conversations.

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