

The Church in Westbury Park

Services for Eastertide 2021

During Eastertide we will be continuing to offer services online alongside services at 10.15am every Sunday morning in St Alban's - as long as guidelines don't change! All Sunday services will go live on the website <https://westburyparkchurch.org.uk/> at 10.15am on Sunday mornings and will be followed by coffee on Zoom. The Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9824656635>. The meeting ID is 982 465 6635 and the password is Alban. If you don't have access to the internet you can phone in on your landline by calling 0203 051 2874. You'll be asked to key in the meeting ID and the passcode 573870 and then you'll be able to join in with everyone else. It will cost you no more than a local call.

If you would like to receive the service on CD or DVD we can organise that for you, just contact Abigail and she will be able to add you to the list of those who receive our worship that way. You can also dial in from your landline Phone 0117 325 3917 and you will hear a computer-generated voice. When told press any key on your phone. There is then a very long pause before the service starts. It will cost the same as a local call. (Listen any time after 11am on Sunday until the Thursday following Sunday).

Morning Prayer

Morning Prayer for week days in Eastertide is also available on the Church Website

Thought for the Day

In addition to Sunday services Mike will be giving a 'Thought for the Day' on Wednesdays beginning on 22nd April and you'll be able to find this on the Church Website from midday

Compline

Jan will be leading Compline on Zoom at 8pm on Mondays and Fridays. The link for the Zoom Compline is: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6094325387> The meeting ID is: 609 432 5387. Passcode is 5tk63n

Morning Prayer in Eastertide

Preparation

O Lord, open our lips

and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

In your resurrection, O Christ,

Let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia.

Prayer

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation, to you be praise and glory for ever. As once you ransomed your people from Egypt and led them to freedom in the promised land, so now you have delivered us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your risen Son. May we, the first fruits of your new creation, rejoice in this new day you have made, and praise you for your mighty acts. Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Easter Anthem

1. Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us:
so let us celebrate the feast,
2. not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness:
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. *1 Cor 5.7b, 8*
3. Christ once raised from the dead dies no more:
death has no more dominion over him.
4. In dying he died to sin once for all: in living he lives to God.
5. See yourselves therefore as dead to sin:
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Romans 6.9–11*
6. Christ has been raised from the dead:
the first fruits of those who sleep.
7. For as by man came death:
by man has come also the resurrection of the dead;
8. for as in Adam all die: even so in Christ shall all be made alive.
1 Corinthians 15.20–22

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

This opening prayer may be said

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever.

Amen.

The Psalm

The Psalm(s) appointed for the day is said

Each psalm or group of psalms may end with

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Bible Reading

at the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Canticle: The Song of Moses and Miriam

**In your unfailing love, O Lord,
you lead the people whom you have redeemed.
Alleluia.**

1. I will sing to the Lord, who has triumphed gloriously,
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.
2. The Lord is my strength and my song
and has become my salvation.
3. This is my God whom I will praise,
the God of my forebears whom I will exalt.
4. The Lord is a warrior,
the Lord is his name.
5. Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in power:
your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.
6. At the blast of your nostrils, the sea covered them;
they sank as lead in the mighty waters.

7. In your unfailing love, O Lord,
you lead the people whom you have redeemed.
8. And by your invincible strength
you will guide them to your holy dwelling.
9. You will bring them in and plant them, O Lord,
in the sanctuary which your hands have established.

Exodus 15.1b-3,6,10,13,17

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**In your unfailing love, O Lord,
you lead the people whom you have redeemed.
Alleluia.**

Responsory

Death is swallowed up in victory.

Where, O death, is your sting?

Christ is risen from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Death is swallowed up in victory.

The trumpet will sound
and the dead shall be raised.

Where, O death, is your sting?

We shall not all sleep, but we shall be changed.

Death is swallowed up in victory.

Where, O death, is your sting?

from 1 Corinthians 15

Gospel Canticle: The Song of Christ's Glory

**At the name of Jesus
every knee shall bow.**

- 1 Christ Jesus was in the form of God,
but he did not cling to equality with God.
- 2 He emptied himself, taking the form of a servant,
and was born in our human likeness.

- 3 Being found in human form he humbled himself,
and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.
4 Therefore God has highly exalted him,
and bestowed on him the name above every name,
5 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth;
6 And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2.5-11

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**At the name of Jesus
every knee shall bow.**

Bible Reading

at the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon

The Creed

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son?

**I believe and trust in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again,
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again
to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of Saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

Prayers

We kneel or sit for our **Prayers for the World**

At the end of each prayer the leader says

Lord in your mercy

And we all reply:

Hear our prayer.

And when the prayers finish:

Merciful Father,

Accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son,

Our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silence may be kept.

The Collect (Special prayer for the day)

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation, as our Saviour taught us,
so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name;
your kingdom come; your will be done;**

on earth as 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.

The Conclusion

May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Communion in Eastertide

Welcome and Introduction

The Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Grace, mercy and peace

from God our Father

and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

and also with you.

The Prayer of Preparation *(please kneel)*

Almighty God,

to whom all hearts are open,

all desires known,

and from whom no secrets are hidden:

cleanse the thoughts of our hearts

by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,

that we may perfectly love you,

and worthily magnify your holy name;

through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Confession

If we have fallen into despair

Lord forgive us.

If we have failed to hope in you

Lord, forgive us

If we have been fearful of death

Lord, forgive us

If we have forgotten the victory of Christ

Lord, forgive us

The Absolution

May the living God raise us from despair,
give us victory over sin and set us free in Christ. **Amen.**

The Gloria

We stand to say

**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 (special prayer for today)

A Bible Reading

at the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

The Gospel Reading

Before the Gospel the reader says

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to N

And we all respond

Glory to you O Lord

at the end the reader says

This is the gospel of the Lord

We all respond

Praise to you O Christ

The Sermon

The Creed

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creator of heaven and earth.**

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God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again,
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the
dead.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of Saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

Prayers of Intercession

We kneel or sit for our **Prayers for the World**

At the end of each prayer the leader says

Lord in your mercy

And we all reply:

Hear our prayer.

And when the prayers finish:

Merciful Father,

**Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
Our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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 risen Christ be always with you

And also with you. Alleluia!

We offer one another a sign of peace

Preparation of the Table

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:

through your goodness

we have this bread to set before you,

which earth has given

and human hands have made.

It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:

through your goodness

we have this wine to set before you,

fruit of the vine and work of human hands.

It will become for us the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

And also with you

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.

Blessing and honour, glory and power,
are rightly yours, all-gracious God.

By your creative word
you brought the world to birth;
in your generous love
you made the human family,
that we might see your glory
and live for ever in your presence.

When we wandered from you in our sin
you sought us with your steadfast love and did not give us up.
In the fullness of time you sent your Son
to be our Saviour and Deliverer.
Made of flesh and blood, he lived our life
and died our death upon the cross.
Death could not hold him
and now he reigns at your right hand.

Therefore with angels and archangels
and all the company of heaven
we bless and praise your glorious name, saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is he who comes
In the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed indeed is the Lord Jesus Christ
who, at supper with his friends,
took bread and gave you thanks,
broke it, gave it to them and said;
'Take this, all of you, and eat it.
This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

When supper was ended,
he took the cup and gave you thanks,
gave it to them, and said:
'Drink from it all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for everyone,
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

Dying you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Therefore, Father, we celebrate this Passover of gladness;
for as in Adam all die,
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Accept, through him, our great high priest,
this, our sacrifice of praise.

Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us the body and the blood of Christ.

Gather us, who share this feast,
into the kingdom of your glory
that with all your people in every time and place
we may praise and worship you for ever;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**By whom and with whom
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
heavenly Father, now and always. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name;
your kingdom come; your will be done;
on earth as 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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Invitation to Communion

We meet the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread, draw near with faith.

Because of the new ways we are currently called to be church we are not able to meet together and receive the bread and wine. The president will receive it on behalf of all of us and we each receive the sacrament spiritually - in a practise known as spiritual reception which has been practised for hundreds of years by those who for many reasons are unable to be at church.

Act of Spiritual Reception

**In union, dear Father, with Christian people
throughout the world and across the centuries
gathered to make Eucharist, hearing your holy Word
and receiving the Precious Body and Blood, I offer you
praise and thanksgiving. Even though I am exiled
from tasting the Bread of Heaven and drinking the
Cup of Life I pray that you will unite me with all the
baptised and with your Son who gave his life for us.
Come Lord Jesus, dwell in me and send your Holy
Spirit that I may be filled with your presence. Amen**

Prayer after Communion

We say together

**God of our salvation,
we thank you for your communion with the risen
Christ and with all who love him in earth and heaven.
We pray that, strengthened by his grace,
we may serve you faithfully all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life; and may Almighty
God bless you
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in joy and peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. Alleluia.

Compline (Night Prayer) in Eastertide

The Preparation

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.

Amen.

Our help is in the name of the Lord
who made heaven and earth.

A period of silence for reflection on the past day may follow.

The following or other suitable words of penitence may be used

**Most merciful God, we confess to you,
before the whole company of heaven and one
another, that we have sinned in thought, word
and deed and in what we have failed to do.
Forgive us our sins, heal us by your Spirit
and raise us to new life in Christ. Amen.**

○ God, make speed to save us.

○ Lord, make haste to help us.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray
That you, with steadfast love, would keep
Your watch around us while we sleep.

From evil dreams defend our sight,
From fears and terrors of the night;
Tread underfoot our deadly foe
That we no sinful thought may know.

O Father, that we ask be done
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son;
And Holy Spirit, by whose breath
Our souls are raised to life from death.

The Word of God

Psalm 104:1, 21-33

21 Bless the Lord, O my soul. *
O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!
21 You appointed the moon to mark the seasons, *
and the sun knows the time for its setting.
22 You make darkness that it may be night, *
in which all the beasts of the forest creep forth.
23 The lions roar for their prey *
and seek their food from God.
24 The sun rises and they are gone *
to lay themselves down in their dens.
25 People go forth to their work *
and to their labour until the evening.
26 O Lord, how manifold are your works! *
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
27 There is the sea, spread far and wide, *
and there move creatures beyond number,
both small and great.
28 There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan *
which you have made to play in the deep.
29 All of these look to you *
to give them their food in due season.
30 When you give it them, they gather it; *
you open your hand and they are filled with good.
31 When you hide your face they are troubled; *
when you take away their breath,
they die and return again to the dust.
32 When you send forth your spirit, they are created, *
and you renew the face of the earth.
33 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; *
may the Lord rejoice in his works;

At the end of the psalmody, the following is said or sung

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

(Ascension Day to Pentecost)

Psalm 86

- 1 Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me, *
for I am poor and in misery.
- 2 Preserve my soul, for I am faithful; *
save your servant, for I put my trust in you.
- 3 Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God; *
I call upon you all the day long.
- 4 Gladden the soul of your servant, *
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
- 5 For you, Lord, are good and forgiving, *
abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.
- 6 Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer *
and listen to the voice of my supplication.
- 7 In the day of my distress I will call upon you, *
for you will answer me.
- 8 Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord, *
nor any works like yours.
- 9 All nations you have made shall come and worship you,
O Lord, *
and shall glorify your name.
- 10 For you are great and do wonderful things; *
you alone are God.
- 11 Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; *
knit my heart to you, that I may fear your name.
- 12 I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, *
and glorify your name for evermore;
- 13 For great is your steadfast love towards me, *
for you have delivered my soul from the depths of the grave.
- 14 O God, the proud rise up against me
and a ruthless horde seek after my life; *
they have not set you before their eyes.

15 But you, Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and full of kindness and truth.

16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; *
give your strength to your servant
and save the child of your handmaid.

17 Show me a token of your favour,
that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; *
because you, O Lord, have helped and comforted me.

At the end of the psalmody, the following is said or sung

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

*Short Reading: the following or some other
(Eastertide)*

The servants of the Lamb shall see the face of God, whose name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night: they will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever. *Revelation 22.4,5*

(From Ascension Day to Pentecost)

I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy. The old shall dream dreams and the young shall see visions. *Joel 2.28*

Responsory

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth.

I commend my spirit.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Keep me as the apple of your eye.
Hide me under the shadow of your wings.

The Nunc dimittis (The Song of Simeon) *is said or sung*

(Easter)

**Alleluia. The Lord is risen, alleluia,
as he promised to you. Alleluia, alleluia.**

(Ascension Day to Pentecost)

**Alleluia. The Holy Spirit, the Advocate, alleluia,
shall teach you all things. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace:
your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared in the sight of every people;
A light to reveal you to the nations
and the glory of your people Israel.

Luke 2.29-32

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

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(Ascension Day to Pentecost)

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Prayers

Collect

(Easter)

Almighty God,
by triumphing over the powers of darkness
Christ has prepared a place for us in the new Jerusalem:
may we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection,
praise him in the eternal city
of which he is the light;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

(Ascension Day to Pentecost)

Come, O Spirit of God,
and make within us your dwelling place and home.
May our darkness be dispelled by your light,
and our troubles calmed by your peace;
may all evil be redeemed by your love,
all pain transformed through the suffering of Christ,
and all dying glorified in his risen life.
Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven
Hallowed be your Name,
Your kingdom come, Your will be done,
On earth as 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

The Conclusion

In peace we will lie down and sleep;

for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.

Abide with us, Lord Jesus,

for the night is at hand and the day is now past.

As the night watch looks for the morning,

so do we look for you, O Christ.

Come with the dawning of the day

and make yourself known

in the breaking of the bread.

(Easter)

May the risen Lord Jesus bless us.

May he watch over us and renew us

as he renews the whole of creation.

May our hearts and lives echo his love.

Amen.

(Ascension Day to Pentecost)

May the Holy Spirit of God bless and sanctify us

so that we may be consecrated in the truth.

Amen