

2nd Sunday after Easter Holy Communion

Open tomb - closed minds

Hymns

- 50 Be Still for the Presence of the Lord
(seated sung prayerfully)
- 689 Thine Be the Glory
- 545 Open My Eyes Lord
- 296 I Stand Amazed In The Presence Of
Jesus the Nazarene
- 1291 Jesus Paid It All
- 266 I cannot tell why he whom angels
worship

Collect

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness
and fresh hope:
strengthen us also to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen

New Testament Reading

Acts 3:12-19

12 When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? **13** The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. **14** But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a

murderer given to you, **15** and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. **16** And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

17 'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. **18** In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. **19** Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out,

Psalm 4

1 Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness; ♦ **you set me at liberty when I was in trouble; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.**

2 How long will you nobles dishonour my glory; ♦ **how long will you love vain things and seek after falsehood?**

3 But know that the Lord has shown me his marvellous kindness; ♦ **when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.**

4 Stand in awe, and sin not; ♦ **commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still.**

5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness ♦ **and put your trust in the Lord.**

6 There are many that say, 'Who will show us any good?' ♦ **Lord, lift up the light of your countenance upon us.**

7 You have put gladness in my heart, ♦ **more than when their corn and wine and oil increase.**

8 In peace I will lie down and sleep, ♦ **for it is you Lord, only, who make me dwell in safety.**

New Testament Reading

I John 3:1-7

1 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. **2** Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. **3** And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

4 Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. **5** You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. **6** No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. **7** Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Gospel Luke 24:36b-48

The Gospel of Christ according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

36 While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' **37** They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. **38** He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? **39** Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.'

40 And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. **41** While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' **42** They gave him a

piece of broiled fish, **43** and he took it and ate in their presence.

44 Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' **45** Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, **46** and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, **47** and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. **48** You are witnesses of these things.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Chatterbox

Every Wednesday 10:30 am to 12:30pm.
All Welcome - tea - coffee - cakes - meet & chat.

Zoom Prayers & Bible Study
Friday 2pm Zoom Prayers.

Community Larder

Larder restarts Tuesday 9th April

Stantonbury Churches Newsletter

Available by email or ask for a hard copy.
Copy on inside Notice Board.

EACH SUNDAYh

Junior Church Restarting
for 2- 10 year olds

The SEP AGM
will be held on Thursday April
25th at 7:30 pm
at Christ Church,.

Sunday 14th April 2024

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CROSS AND STABLE

Paul Smith retires in the autumn. A replacement Team Rector is to be sought. This vacancy for the Team Rector post has now gone live and we provided you with the links below.

Church Times - [Team Rector vacancy in London and Home Counties](#) ([churchtimes.co.uk](#))
Pathways - [Team Rector in the Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership in Milton Keynes I Church of England](#)
Diocese of Oxford - [Team Rector in the Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership Milton Keynes - Diocese of Oxford](#) ([anglican.org](#))

A Creed

Love alone is supreme
This I believe
And out of formless chaos did conceive
Purpose and design.
So came to birth
Fondly wrapped in loveliness this earth.

God's very self, Jesus the anointed one,
Perfect revealer of God's face, Mary's son,
Lived in time and in recorded history
Dying a felon's death. The mystery!
That Life itself should die to rise again;
Wholeness made whole in majesty to reign.
Thus through the light that is in Christ alone
The whole truth about us all is known.

The Advocate is with us when we meet;
We are the Body of Christ,
heart, hands and feet;
Forgiven, redeemed, together bound
Into a mystic fellowship profound,
Yet still myself, though I will come to be
Remade O Christ, and wholly one with thee.
This I believe. Amen I seek to say.
Help thou my unbelief, Thou Living Way.

Phoebe Willetts, Liturgy of Life



Fish Mosaic: Profitis Ilias Monastery, Kallistis, Greece

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Zoom Link to 11 am Sunday 14th April

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Meeting ID: 859 2224 8518. Passcode: 830413

TODAY	THIS SUNDAY	NEXT SUNDAY:	NEXT SUNDAY
Easter Two Holy Communion Led by Sam	Acts 3:12-19 Psalm 4 1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36b-48	Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23 1 John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18	Easter Three Morning Worship Led by Stephen

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