

## News and Prayer Update for 4<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Day

### Rostherne with Bollington, St John High Legh and St Paul Over Tabley

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## Services on Easter Day, Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April:

### **Services in Church – Booking is ESSENTIAL for ALL SERVICES**

06.30 Sunrise Service at St Mary Rostherne (Outdoor)

09.00 Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Little Bollington

10.00 Holy Communion at St John High Legh\*\*

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11.00 Holy Communion at St Paul Over Tabley *We will also attempt to stream this service live, via Zoom.*

*Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82379908915?pwd=ZIJbFdaWmYzL2x6cmNXeDdFUE1Edz09>*

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We will do all that we can to keep people as safe as possible by following government guidance with social distancing, hand sanitisation and wearing of masks.

Above all, please be assured that you will be warmly welcomed back into our beautiful churches and into our church community.

### **Pre-recorded Service:**

Link for this week's recorded service is: <https://youtu.be/q7xk6CiV8o8>

### **HYMN: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (Lyra Davidica 1708 and others)**

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia,  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia,  
who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia,  
suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia.

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia,  
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia,  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia,  
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia.

But the pains that he endured Alleluia,  
pour salvation have procured; Alleluia,  
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia,  
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia.

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### Collect for Easter Day:

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.

### Psalm: Psalm 118: 1 – 2,14 – 24

- 1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; ♦  
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, ♦  
'His mercy endures for ever.'
- 14 The Lord is my strength and my song, ♦  
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 Joyful shouts of salvation ♦  
sound from the tents of the righteous:
- 16 'The right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds; the right hand of the Lord raises up; ♦  
the right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds.'
- 17 I shall not die, but live ♦  
and declare the works of the Lord.
- 18 The Lord has punished me sorely, ♦  
but he has not given me over to death.
- 19 Open to me the gates of righteousness, ♦  
that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.
- 20 This is the gate of the Lord; ♦  
the righteous shall enter through it.
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me ♦  
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The stone which the builders rejected ♦  
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the Lord's doing, ♦  
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
- 24 This is the day that the Lord has made; ♦  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

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### Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 25: 6 – 9

- 6 On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.
- 7 And he will destroy on this mountain

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the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;  
<sup>8</sup> he will swallow up death for ever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup> It will be said on that day,  
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.  
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

### New Testament Reading: Acts 10: 34 – 43

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak to them: ‘I truly understand that God shows no partiality,

<sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

<sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all.

<sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced:

<sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

<sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree;

<sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear,

<sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

<sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.

<sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.’

### Gospel Reading: Mark 16: 1 – 8

<sup>1</sup> When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him.

<sup>2</sup> And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb.

<sup>3</sup> They had been saying to one another, ‘Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?’

<sup>4</sup> When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back.

<sup>5</sup> As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.

<sup>6</sup> But he said to them, ‘Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him.

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<sup>7</sup> But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.'

<sup>8</sup> So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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### REFLECTION ON THE READINGS by Revd Philip

For me, Easter Sunday begins early, before the sunrises, as I light a fire at the back of St Mary's Church overlooking the mere. As I stand in the pre-dawn light with the smoke of the fire drifting past and listen to the dawn chorus, there is the opportunity to compose my thoughts and savour a few moments of tranquillity before people arrive for our sunrise service. We light the Paschal candle from the fire and carry it into church for our first service of Holy Communion. Then the flame will be carried by various means to our other churches and used to light their paschal candles.

In our reading, one of the accounts in the Gospels of what happened that first Easter morning, Mark describes another pre-dawn gathering as Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Salome brought sweet spices to anoint the body of Jesus. They came to complete the task that Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus had hurriedly begun as they had rushed to make sure that Jesus was buried before the start of the Passover. We know that Jesus has been raised from death to life, but as far as his followers were concerned, when they woke that first Easter morning nothing had changed. Jesus, their leader, companion and friend had been wrenched from them and executed as a common criminal. The gloom of the early morning must have reflected the deep darkness, grief, disappointment and despair that they were experiencing. Jesus' ministry that until a few days ago had been so amazingly successful had suddenly and unexpectedly ended in failure – or so it seemed. Now these three women came to do all that they could in the circumstances, and we might surmise that they came in the early morning before too many people were about to ask questions.

It is well understood that people in the first throes of grief do not always think rationally. We see an example of this in the mission of the three women that first Easter morning. They knew that the entrance to the tomb would be blocked by a large and heavy stone, and to gain access to Jesus body it would have to be moved. It would be far too heavy for them, yet they appear to have made no preparations, no arrangements for men presumably, to move it for them, and then roll it back into place when they had finished. Perhaps they thought they might meet people who would help them. Perhaps as they made their way to the tomb they had not even considered the possibility that they might not be able to do for Jesus as they intended.

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Reaching the tomb, however, they found that the stone had already been rolled away. Going inside they encountered a young man sitting on one side, but no Jesus. They were understandably terrified, and the words of the young man probably confused them even more. Be not affrighted. In those three words we have a significant clue that the one speaking to them was in fact an angel. Throughout the scriptures the first thing an angel says when he meets someone is, ‘Do not be alarmed’, or in other translations, ‘Do not be afraid’.. Gabriel says those words to Mary at the Annunciation, to Joseph when he discovers Mary is pregnant, to the shepherds as they watch their flocks by night. Do not be afraid. In fact the words of the angel that followed were so improbable given what they had witnessed a couple of days earlier that they ran from the tomb in fear. This was not how they had expected their morning to end. They had steeled themselves to handle a body, now there was no body and an amazing, unbelievable statement that Jesus had risen. The account in Mark proclaims the resurrection, but leaves his readers without an account of the risen Jesus. Because of that some people prefer the accounts in the other gospels, particularly that of John with his description of Mary Magdalene mistaking Jesus for a gardener, and being commissioned to tell the others the news. The headlong dash of Peter and the other disciple to see if what they had been told was true. The vivid description of the folded graveclothes.

By comparison, the account of Mark seems unsatisfactory and leaves us waiting until next Sunday to tie up the loose ends. Yet perhaps Mark fits well with our celebration of Easter this year. Last year even I was forbidden to enter our four churches, let alone our congregations. The best we could do was a service filmed in the dining room at the vicarage. This year we are allowed to celebrate in church, but socially distanced, wearing masks, and with no singing. We say our Alleluias, proclaim the Christ is risen, he is risen indeed and hear that through his resurrection Christ has conquered death, and all this in the face of the pain and loss of over 127,000 deaths through Covid in this country and getting on for 3,000,000 worldwide. So perhaps Marks account that begins with three women grieving the loss of a man they love, and ends with fear and bewilderment is the appropriate one this Sunday. It can remind us of our own struggles to comprehend what can only be truly described as a mystery and the dangers of giving glib answers for the problems of suffering and death. Mark’s account illustrates the gap between the resurrection of Jesus and all that it means for me, and my ability to apprehend it fully. In her book, Revelations of Divine Love, Julian of Norwich wrote of hearing Jesus say to her, ‘All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well.’ That sums up for me the promise of the resurrection. Christ has risen, the tomb is empty, the power of death to lock us into an impenetrable night has been destroyed. Love has conquered. All will be well. Whether we can fully comprehend it or not, that is God’s gift to us this Easter.

Hear again the words of the angel.

Do not be alarmed: you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified: he has been raised; he is not here: Look, there is the place they laid him.

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### HYMN: He Has Risen (Gerald Coates, Noel & Tricia Richards)

*He has risen, he has risen,  
He has risen, Jesus is alive.*

When the life flowed His body,  
Seemed like Jesus' mission failed,  
But His sacrifice accomplished,  
Victory over sin and hell.

In the grave God did not leave Him,  
For His body do decay,  
Raised to life the Great Awakening,  
Satan's power He overcome.

If there were no resurrection,  
We ourselves could not be raised,  
But the Son of God is living,  
So our hope is not in vain.

When the Lord rides out of heaven,  
Mighty angels at His side,  
They will sound the final trumpet,  
From the grave we shall arise.

He has given life immortal  
We shall see Him face to face,  
Through eternity we'll praise Him  
Christ the champion of our faith.

### Hymn: Thine Be The Glory (E. L. Budry 1854 – 1932 trans. R.B. Hoyle 1875 – 1939)

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son  
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;  
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave clothes where Thy body lay

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly, He greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:

No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life;

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life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;  
brings us safe through Jordan to thy home above:  
#LIVELENT prayer - Easter Day ("I have seen the Lord!"):

Thank you, loving God, for raising your Son Jesus Christ to life again. Thank you for the difference his resurrection makes to my life and to your whole creation. Please help me today and every day to share this astonishing news through my life and through my words. Amen

This week's prayers are based on some verses from the Psalms set for this week.

### Monday: (Psalm 111)

<sup>1</sup>*Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.*

<sup>2</sup>*Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.*

<sup>3</sup>*Full of honour and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures for ever.*

Today, think of all God's works such as those recorded in the Bible and what we see in nature, in the people around us and in our own lives. There is so much we have to be thankful for and so let us praise Him and give thanks "with our whole hearts".

### Tuesday: (Psalm 112)

<sup>6</sup>*For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered for ever.*

<sup>7</sup>*They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD.*

<sup>8</sup>*Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.*

There are so many scary things we have to face in this life; we are encouraged not to be afraid, but to rely on God. If we are righteous (morally correct), we should take the things we fear to Him and then we can rest secure with steady hearts while we face them. Pray to God about the things you need to face this week.

### Wednesday: (Psalm 113)

<sup>5</sup>*Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high,*

<sup>6</sup>*who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?*

<sup>7</sup>*He raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap,*

<sup>8</sup>*to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.*

Our God is beyond the Universe, but he still sees what goes on and He cares about the injustices and those in need. Today let us pray that he would open our eyes to see those things around us that we can help to change and give us the desire to help those in need.

### Thursday: (Psalm 114)

<sup>5</sup>*Why is it, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back?*

<sup>6</sup>*O mountains, that you skip like rams? O hills, like lambs?*

<sup>7</sup>*Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the God of Jacob,*

<sup>8</sup>*who turns the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a spring of water.*

When the Israelites fled from Egypt, they experienced some of God's power, but forgot it when they were engrossed in self-pity. We need to pray that we will not forget that we have an all-powerful God, for whom nothing is impossible, and ask for help to trust Him with all the situations and people we face. He is Lord of all!

### Friday: (Psalm 115)

<sup>11</sup>*You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD! He is their help and their shield.*

<sup>12</sup>*The LORD has been mindful of us; he will bless us;*

<sup>15</sup>*May you be blessed by the LORD, who made heaven and earth.*

<sup>16</sup>*The heavens are the LORD's heavens, but the earth he has given to human beings.*

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We are given a command to “Trust in the Lord”, but that doesn’t mean we should just leave everything to Him to deal with. Vs16 says that He has given the Earth to humans and so we need to step up and take responsibility for what humans are doing to the Earth. Today, pray about what steps we can take individually to protect the Earth and help to correct the damage already done by people.

### Saturday: (Psalm 116)

*<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.*

*<sup>2</sup>Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.*

*<sup>12</sup>What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?*

*<sup>13</sup>I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,*

God has given us so much and we owe him everything; our response can only be to love Him as our Lord and our God! Today pray the words of Vs12; the KJV says “What shall I render unto the LORD for all his benefits toward me?” There may be an answer!

### **Prayer for April:**

Thank you, Lord, for Springtime with its message of hope as the world emerges from the starkness of winter. This year especially may we be aware of the awakening from the dark and cold of the past season, but also may we be conscious of the warmth of your love as we emerge from lockdown. Help us to move forward with hope in the warmth of your love. Amen.

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## NOTICES

### ❖ Services for you this Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> March:

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### Recorded service

Link is at the top of page 2 of this Update

### ❖ Church Services during April:

#### Sunday 11 April

10.00 St John High Legh – Holy Communion

11.00 Holy Trinity Little Bollington Short Service of Holy Communion followed by APCM – please book with Revd Patricia as below.

#### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April

10.00 St John High Legh – Holy Communion followed by APCM – please book with Revd Trish as below.

10.30 St Mary Rostherne – Holy Communion

11.00 St Paul Over Tabley – Holy Communion

#### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April

10.00 St John High Legh – Holy Communion

11.00 Holy Trinity Little Bollington – Holy Communion

11.00 St Paul Over Tabley – Holy Communion followed by APCM – please book with Revd Patricia as below.

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### ❖ Annual Parochial Church Meetings – Booking Essential.

We are hoping these will be held in person following shorter Sunday services.

- Rostherne with Bollington 11<sup>th</sup> April 2021 - 11.00 (Book with Revd Patricia)
- St John High Legh 18<sup>th</sup> April 2021 - 10.00 (Book with Revd Trish)

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- St Paul Over Tabley 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021 - 11.00 (Book with Revd Patricia)

### ❖ Lent Course: God's Story Our Story: Final session on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81871970480?pwd=SEJ3R2FZL0RaTWF5eUV0MWR2OE92QT09>

If you need the meeting ID and Passcode for this meeting please contact Patricia.

Email: [pmrobinson51@gmail.com](mailto:pmrobinson51@gmail.com) or Tel: 01565 830 595

It's not too late to join us for this course which is based on the booklet "#Live Lent: God's Story Our Story" which has been delivered to many church members, but you can also access it on line or buy your own copy.

Sessions are on Tuesday evenings and start at 19.00 lasting up to an hour and a half.

There is worship, video and opportunities to discuss what we have read over the week before and there are questions that can be used as points for discussion. We break into smaller groups for parts of each session.

### ❖ Coffee and Chat Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April: We are having a Zoom Coffee and Chat meeting on Wednesday mornings from 11.00 am to 12.00 noon.

Just click on the link below.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83953071490?pwd=SmRDbi9mWDB6UUZzS0ovOVV3OW5hUT09>

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### ❖ Ribbons for Reflection – 22<sup>nd</sup> March to 5<sup>th</sup> April

This is an opportunity for our communities to reflect on the past year, give thanks for key workers and look forward with hope to a better future. Although the National Day of Reflection was on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, there is still time for you to take part because ribbons will be available until 5<sup>th</sup> April. The ribbons will then be removed and taken to the churches.

Each of our parishes are providing ribbons which can be tied in various locations around the United Benefice including at the four churches. This is to help us to show how we, along with the whole nation reflect on what was, give thanks and support for what we have and look forward with hope to a better future.

There are three colours of ribbon and you are invited to choose whichever matches your thoughts:

Purple – for grief to remember everyone who has died especially those whom we have loved

Rainbow – for thanks for all health and care workers, frontline staff and keyworkers

Gold – for hope as we step into the future.

Locations for National Day of Reflection:

- In **High Legh** collect a ribbon from St John's or outside the School Main Gate and tie it on the railings around the Woodland Walk at High Legh.
- In **Tabley** you can go to St Paul's Church or the Playground at Holly Grove, Tabley.
- In **Little Bollington** you can go to Holy Trinity Church or the Notice Board at The Triangle.

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- In Rostherne you can go to St Mary's Church (porch) or Fenton's Farm Foods on Cherry Tree Lane.

There will also be prayers to use, if you wish, as you tie your ribbon(s)

God of Love,  
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 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.

*The National Day of Reflection has been organised by Marie Curie and is supported by the Church of England.*

### ❖ Join the Prayer Chain:

Our Reader, Chris Stanisstreet has organised a Prayer Chain which is done by email and telephone. The idea behind this, is that when a specific prayer request is made, it is passed on by group e-mail to the people on the list who then pray for the particular situation.

If you would like to receive prayer requests or would like to make a prayer request, please let Chris Stanistreet know:

Tel: 01925 755559; Mob 07918 981 723; [stanbess2003@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:stanbess2003@yahoo.co.uk)

### ❖ Christian Aid – Pay It Forward

As more of our family, friends, and neighbours receive their COVID vaccinations, we rejoice and are glad that our loved ones are protected. We give thanks for all the NHS staff and key workers who continue to save lives across the UK.

For the poorest and most vulnerable communities across the world, there is little hope of a vaccine rollout.

### Have you or your loved ones had your vaccine?

Please give thanks with a donation to help protect our global neighbours while the vaccine is out of reach.

These people already face a lack of water, food, and healthcare. Some are homeless. Some are living with underlying health issues such as HIV. Christian Aid is already on the ground, helping keep people safe from coronavirus with practical support – but with your gift of thanks we can do more.

Follow this link to donate:

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/give/ways-donate/give-thanks-your-coronavirus-vaccine>

### ❖ Offering and Fund Raising – Please continue to give if you can

### ❖ Homemade Jams For Sale:

There are various Jams and Marmalade available at prices between £2.00 / £3.00 per jar depending on size - please order by telephoning the Vicarage we will deliver

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them to you as we go about our duties.

St Mary's are offering: Freshly made Chunky Seville Orange Marmalade £2.50.  
Also available – Finely Shredded Marmalade, Strawberry, Raspberry, Damson and Gooseberry Jams

St Paul's are offering: Strawberry, Strawberry +Gooseberry, Greengage, Gooseberry and Raspberry jams.

### ❖ Morning and Night Prayer

*If anyone does not yet have access to the “Worship at Home” booklet containing the Order of Service for Morning Prayer or Night Prayer, please contact the Vicarage, as there are large print copies and ordinary size ones that can be posted out or versions that can be e-mailed.*

### Bible Readings and Psalms for the Coming Week from the Lectionary.

*Here are some suggestions for more Psalms and Bible readings to use with Morning and Night Prayer:*

Readings for Morning Prayer: These readings usually follow on from each other so you get a bit more of the story each day (except on special Saints Days).

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> April – Psalm 111; Song of Solomon 1: 9 – 2:7; Mark 16: 1 – 8

Tues 6<sup>th</sup> April – Psalm 112; Song of Solomon 2: 8 – end; Luke 24: 1 – 12

Weds 7<sup>th</sup> April – Psalm 113; Song of Solomon Chapter 3; Matthew 28: 16 – end

Thu 8<sup>th</sup> April – Psalm 114; Song of Solomon 5: 2 – 6 :3; Luke 7: 11 – 17

Fri 9<sup>th</sup> April – Psalm 115; Song of Solomon 7: 10 – 8 :4; Luke 8: 41 – end

Sat 10<sup>th</sup> April – Psalm 116; Song of Solomon 8: 5 – 7; John 11: 17 – 44

### Readings for Night Prayer

Short Reading for Easter Season: Revelation 22: 4,5

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.

Psalm for Easter Season: Psalm 104: 1, 21 – 33

<sup>1</sup> Bless the Lord, O my soul. ♦

O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!

<sup>21</sup> You appointed the moon to mark the seasons, ♦  
and the sun knows the time for its setting.

<sup>22</sup> You make darkness that it may be night, ♦  
in which all the beasts of the forest creep forth.

<sup>23</sup> The lions roar for their prey ♦  
and seek their food from God.

<sup>24</sup> The sun rises and they are gone ♦  
to lay themselves down in their dens.

<sup>25</sup> People go forth to their work ♦  
and to their labour until the evening.

<sup>26</sup> O Lord, how manifold are your works! ♦  
In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

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- 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;

### Collect for Easter Season:

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.

### Blessing for Easter Season:

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.