



St. Anne's Church, Chingford

Easter 4 - 21st April 2024

All-Age Eucharist 10.00

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Welcomers: Velma Davis, Rosalind Tatam
Server: Julie Adesina
Chalice: Eira Endersbee, Heather Gwynn
Lessons: Rosalind Tatam
Celebrant: Mick Scotchmer
Music:



Creation Care
 Encouraging households
 to care for God's world



HYMN 510 Morning has broken

This week

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| Monday | 22nd April | 20.00 | Plant Committee |
| Wednesday | 24th April | 11.30 | Bible Study Group |
| | | 20.00 | Environment Committee |
| Friday | 26th April | 10.00 | Eucharist |
| Saturday | 27th April | 09.30 | Open PCC (All welcome) |
| Sunday | 28th April | 10.00 | Parish Eucharist |
| | | 12.30 | Simple Lunch |

GATHERING

We gather in praise of the God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Silence is kept.

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our greed
and repent of the ways in which we have damaged God's good creation:

We confess to you
our lack of care for the world you have given us.

Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

We confess to you
our selfishness in not sharing the earth's bounty fairly.

Christ have mercy.

Christ have mercy.



We confess to you
our failure to protect the environment.
Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse you from your sins,
and restore you in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

GLORIA

Tune: St Helen 453

**Glory be to God in heaven, peace on earth to Humankind.
Father, heavenly King, Creator, God of power undefined,
praise and honour, thanks we offer, worship you with heart and mind.**

**Jesus Christ, our Saviour, only Son of God by faith we know
Lamb of God, the world's Redeemer, love and mercy to us show;
seated at the Father's right hand, intercede for us below.**

**You alone, O Lord, are holy, Jesus Christ, you are Most High
with the Father and the Spirit; Trinity, to you we cry:
'Alleluia, alleluia!' - you, O God, we glorify.**

Please sit

In a time of silence,
let us pray that our worship will bring us closer to the one who
has created all things.

Glorious God,
the whole creation proclaims your marvellous work:
increase in us a capacity to wonder and delight in it,
that heaven's praise may echo in our hearts
and our lives be spent as good stewards of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Acts 4.5-12

⁵The Jewish rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-

priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is

“the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.”

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

This is the word of the Lord Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

HYMN 172 Father, Lord of all creation



Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, Alleluia, Alleluia.

All **Glory to you, O Lord, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Jesus said to the Pharisees: ¹¹I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away – and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me,

because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord Alleluia, Alleluia.

All **Praise to you, O Christ Alleluia, Alleluia.**

REFLECTION

HYMN 195 For the beauty of the earth

PRAYER OF FAITH

Let us declare our faith in God.

We believe that Creation is a gift of God, an expression of our Creator's goodness.

We believe that as human beings we are part of this creation and that we share in a special way in the creative power of God.

We believe that the resources of land and waters and air are precious gifts from our Creator, to be used and looked after with loving care.

We believe that God entered into creation in Jesus our Saviour and that the beauty of the world is His tender smile.

We believe in the power of the Holy Spirit, to change us, renew us and inspire our responsibility to share the fruits of creation fairly and to care for the earth and all she has brought forth. Amen.

INTERCESSIONS

Let us ask the God of Creation to send a blessing upon us

Upon the rich earth send a blessing, O Lord.

Let the earth be fruitful and its resources be hallowed

We ask in faith:

Hear us, Good Lord

Upon human labour send a blessing, O Lord.

Prosper the work of our hands;

may all find dignity and just reward in their work;

free the exploited and oppressed.

We ask in faith:

Hear us, Good Lord

Upon the produce of the earth send a blessing, O Lord.
Guide us into a sustainable future,
and give us the will to share the fruits of the world.
We ask in faith:

Hear us, Good Lord

Upon the seas and waters send a blessing, O Lord.
Teach us to cherish the water of the earth,
and to conserve the seas, lakes and rivers.
We ask in faith:

Hear us, Good Lord

Upon aid agencies send a blessing, O Lord.
Where the earth is parched and the well has run dry;
where war brings want, and children go hungry;
where the poor cry out for bread and justice,
give hands to care and heal, and compel us to be generous.
We ask in faith:

Hear us, Good Lord

We ask you to hear us good Lord
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**



SIGN OF PEACE

You shall go out in joy and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you.

HYMN 10 All creatures of our God and King?.

During this hymn, the gifts are brought to the table

**As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now united on this table in bread and wine,
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth
into your kingdom.**

Amen.

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.

Lord of all life, you created the universe, where all living things reflect your glory. You give us this great and beautiful earth, to discover and to cherish.

And now we give you thanks because you make us stewards of your creation, to praise you day by day for the marvels of your wisdom and power.

You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with the angels and sing your praise:



Holy, most holy, all holy the Lord,
in power and wisdom forever adored.
The earth and the heavens are full of your love;
our joyful hosannas re-echo above.

Blessed, most blessed, all blessed is he
whose life makes us whole, and whose death sets us free:
who comes in the name of the Father of light,
let endless hosannas resound in the height.

We thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live. Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.'

Jesus Christ has died.

Jesus Christ has died.

Jesus Christ is risen.

Jesus Christ is risen.



Jesus Christ will come again.

Jesus Christ will come again.

So Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.

As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended,

and all creation is gathered in your loving arms. And now with St Anne, St Andrew, St Edmund and all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever.

Amen.

Please sit.

And now, as Jesus 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



We break this bread to share in the body of Christ

Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

**O Lamb of God, come cleanse our hearts
and take our sin away.**

Tune: Repton 152

**O Lamb of God, your grace impart,
and let our guilty fear depart,
have mercy, Lord, we pray,
have mercy, Lord we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, our lives restore,
our guilty souls release.**

**Into our lives your Spirit pour
and let us live for evermore
in perfect heav'nly peace,
in perfect heav'nly peace.**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

Distribution of Holy Communion

Silence is kept.

Creator God,
send your Holy Spirit to renew this living world,
that the whole creation,
in its groaning and striving,
may know your loving purpose
and come to reflect your glory;
in Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen.



Notices

DISMISSAL

‘While all creatures stand in expectation, what will be the result of our liberty?’
(Thomas Traherne)

As the whole of creation looks with eager longing for the redemption of humankind, let us pledge ourselves anew to serve our Creator God, the Father who is the maker of all things, the Son through whom all things are made, and the Holy Spirit, the giver of life, who renews the face of the earth.

Let us stand to affirm our commitment to care actively for God’s creation.

**Lord of life and giver of hope,
we pledge ourselves to care for creation,
to reduce our waste,
to live sustainably,
and to value the rich diversity of life.
May your wisdom guide us,
that life in all its forms may flourish,
and may be faithful in voicing creation’s praise.**

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the source of all goodness,
pour his blessing upon all things created,
and upon us his children,
that we may use his gifts to his glory
and the welfare of all peoples;
and the blessing ...

Go in peace, and may the commitment we have made this day
be matched by our faithful living.

Thanks be to God. Amen

HYMN 256 God that madest earth and heaven



We do not take a collection during the service at St. Anne's as we have a Parish Giving scheme. However if you wish to make a contribution you will find a plate at the back of church and a card reader if you prefer to donate in that way.



If you would like to join the **Parish Giving** scheme please speak to Lindsey Archer or the church wardens. Also, scanning this QR code will provide information about the scheme and how you can make contributions if you wish.

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Ukraine and Eat or Heat - We are still collecting for both at the back of the church—children, toddler's and baby items are still very much needed as the war takes its toll on the people of Ukraine. As are long lasting food products and hygiene products for Eat or Heat.

E

27th April 9.30 am Open PCC Saturday - all welcome to come and pray and work together for a morning—thinking about our vision as a parish in going forward.

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Saturday 4th May Quiz Night for Christian Aid Week

Synagogue / church congregation swap: Friday 10th May at the Synagogue in the evening, followed by supper. And then the following week, **Sunday 19th May, the 10.00 service** will welcome the synagogue and Rabbi Richard for a service of the word—especially to pray for peace and climate justice. This will be followed by a bring and share lunch— the food, of course, has to be Kosher. So in the coming weeks a list will appear at the back of the church outlining what is Kosher and what is not. This will be a wonderful occasion to make and meet new friends and to learn from and pray with each other.

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FOR OUR PRAYERS:

We remember in prayer each day all those both known and unknown to us who are suffering in mind, body and spirit, for those who have care of them, for all who are living with difficulties and trouble at this time and for all who will enter eternity this week.

Anniversaries for April.

1st Gregory Canning, 6th Mabel Garrett, 7th Peggy Eley, 13th Freddie Banks, Michael Taylor, 20th Gwen Coombs, 24th Barbara Shepard, 28th Alice Rolfe.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them, may they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen