



# Second Sunday of Easter Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April

## Family Eucharist

Hymn 143 Come ye faithful, raise the strain

Acts 2.14a, 22-32

Hymn 174 Breathe on me, breath of God

John 20. 19-end Andrew Belfield

Sermon Mr Geoffrey Oates

Intercessions Leon Ajao

Hymn 437 Make me a channel of your peace

Hymn 145 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!



### THE PRAYERS

#### **The Sick**

Nerine Chalmers Joanna Angwin

#### **Year's Mind**

Elsie Rowan Peter Stubbs



Our Annual Parish Meetings will be held next Sunday (23<sup>rd</sup>) after the morning service.

Agendas are on the noticeboard and papers are available on our website at <https://www.allsaintshertford.org/apcm.php>.

If you need paper copies, please ask.

### THE NOTICES

6.30 pm Evensong (Said)

#### **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>**

11.00 am Holy Communion

7.30 pm All Saints Art

#### **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> (Anselm)**

5.30 pm Choir Practices in Church

#### **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

10.00 am Parish Communion

11.30 am Annual Meetings

6.30 pm Choral Evensong

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**Krassimira Jeliakova (Violin)**  
**Pavel Timofeyevsk (Piano)**

Franz Schubert - Fantasy for Violin and Piano C Major  
Sergey Rachmaninov - Romance  
Gershwin/ Heifetz - Two pieces from the opera "Porgy and Bess"  
Pancho Vladigerov - Concert Chimney

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### Collect

Almighty Father,  
you have given your only Son to die for our sins  
and to rise again for our justification:  
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and  
wickedness  
that we may always serve you  
in pureness of living and truth;  
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Acts 2.14a, 22-32

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

<sup>22</sup> 'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—<sup>23</sup>this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law.<sup>24</sup> But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power.<sup>25</sup> For David says concerning him,

"I saw the Lord always before me,  
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

<sup>26</sup> therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;

moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

<sup>27</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

<sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the ways of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence."

<sup>29</sup> 'Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.<sup>30</sup> Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne.<sup>31</sup> Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

"He was not abandoned to Hades,  
nor did his flesh experience corruption."

<sup>32</sup> This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

### 1 Peter 1.3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,<sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,<sup>5</sup> who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.<sup>6</sup> In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you

have had to suffer various trials,<sup>7</sup> so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed.<sup>8</sup> Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy,<sup>9</sup> for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

### John 20.19-end

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'<sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'<sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.<sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.<sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'<sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.'<sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.<sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

### Post Communion Collect

Lord God our Father,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ  
you have assured your children of eternal life  
and in baptism have made us one with him:  
deliver us from the death of sin  
and raise us to new life in your love,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.