



Morning Prayer Passiontide

10:00am Saturday 11th April

Service Lead – **Jules**

Responses - **Bobbie**

Opening Sentences

In the beginning, before time, before people, before the world began.

God was

Here and now among us, beside us, enlisting the people of earth for the purposes of heaven.

God is

In the future, when we have turned to dust and all we know has found its fulfilment.

God will be

Not denying the world, but delighting in it, not condemning the world, but redeeming it, through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

God was, God is, God will be

Prayer

Lord God, early in the morning when the world was young you made life in all its beauty and terror, you gave birth to all we know. Hallowed be your name

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Early in the morning when the world least expected it, a newborn child crying in a cradle announced that you had come amongst us, that you were one of us. Hallowed be your name

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In the midst of this current crisis when many are fearful and when the future is so uncertain we continue to believe that you walk with your people. Hallowed be your name

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Our faith reminds us that in a guarded graveyard the footsteps in the dew proved that you had risen, offering the promise of life and hope to all your people. Hallowed be your name

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So now, as we gather in our homes we continue to be your church celebrating your creation, your life, your death, your resurrection and your enduring and unfailing love for us; so to you we pray;

Lord bring new life where we are worn and tired, new love where we have turned hard hearted, forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded, hope where we feel anxious and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit who is our constant guide.

Loving God, source of healing and comfort, fill us with your grace, that the sick may be made whole, that those who care for us may be strengthened, that the anxious may be calmed, and those most vulnerable be protected, in the power of the Spirit, in the faith of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Psalm 121

I will lift up my eyes to the hills but where shall I look for help
My help comes from the Lord who has made heaven and earth

The Lord will not let your foot stumble, the one who guards you will not sleep
The one who keeps watch over his people shall neither doze or sleep

The Lord is the one who will guard you, the Lord at your right hand will be your defence
So that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor yet the moon by night

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil yes it is the Lord who will keep you safe
The Lord shall take care of your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forever

The Gospel reading of the day – John Chapter 19 verse 38 - 42- Kate

A short Reflection, 'It was Saturday'

Prayers – For the day, For the current situation, For our sick and a Time of Open Prayer- Richard

Christ be with me, Christ within me
Christ behind me, Christ before me
Christ beside me, Christ to win me
Christ to comfort and restore me
Christ beneath me, Christ above me
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger
Christ in hearts of all that love me
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger

God bless this town and community and move our hearts to pity lest we grow hard
God bless this house with silence, solitude and space that we may pray
God bless these days of rough and narrow ways lest we despair
God bless the night and calm the people's fright that we may love
God bless this land and guide us with your hand lest we be unjust

God bless this earth through pangs of death and birth and make us whole

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you wherever he may send you
May he guide you through the wilderness and protect you through the storm
May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you
May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our door.

Thank you for joining us at Morning Prayer on this Easter Saturday.

Starting next week, Easter Monday, we will be returning to using the CofE App "Daily Prayer" which may be downloaded using the link on the website.

Services of Morning Prayer have been set up as follows:
Monday and Wednesday at 08:30am each week.
Saturday at 10:00am each week.

You should already have the Zoom meeting codes for these events, if not, please contact Louise or Richard.