

Sunday 27th April, 2025
The Second Sunday of Easter
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Members of the congregation who are able to stand are invited to do so as the Bible is brought in and taken out of the Church.

Intimations

- **The Sunday School** will meet in **Room 2** today.
- **Please place your offering in the Offering Plates** as these are uplifted during the Service.
- **Today the Sunday School** will be serving rolls and bacon/sausage **after Church** in the Cameron Hall.
- There will be a **Vestry Hour** on **Wednesday 30th April, 2025 at 10am** followed by our **mid-week Service at 11.10am**.
- The **Kirk Session** will meet in the Cambridge Chapel on **Tuesday 6th May, 2025 at 7.30pm**.
- **Copy** for the June edition of the **Church magazine** should be sent to the Editor(magazine@springfieldcambridge.org.uk) by **Sunday 11th May, 2025**.

Introit

Call to Worship

Hymn 413 The day of resurrection,

- 1 The day of resurrection,
 earth, tell it out abroad!
 the passover of gladness,
 the passover of God!
 from death to life eternal,
 from sin's dominion free,
 our Christ has brought us over
 with hymns of victory.

- 2 Our hearts be pure from evil,
 that we may see aright
 the Lord in rays eternal
 of resurrection light;
 and, listening to his accents,
 may hear, so calm and plain,
 his own 'All hail!' and, hearing
 may raise the victor strain.

- 3 Now let the heavens be joyful,
 and earth her song begin,
 the round world keep high triumph
 and all that is therein;
 let all things seen and unseen
 their notes of gladness blend,
 for Christ the Lord is risen,
 our joy that has no end.

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Call to Prayer

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Children's Address

Hymn 481 Jesus is the name we honour:

- 1 Jesus is the name we honour;
 Jesus is the name we praise.
 Majestic name above all other names,
 the highest Heaven and Earth proclaim
 that Jesus is our God.
We will glorify, we will lift him high,
we will give him honour and praise,
we will glorify, we will lift him high,
we will give him honour and praise.

2 Jesus is the name we worship;
Jesus is the name we trust.
He is the King above all other kings,
let all creation stand and sing
that Jesus is our God.
We will glorify...

3 Jesus is the Father's splendour;
Jesus is the Father's joy.
He will return to reign in majesty,
and every eye at last will see
that Jesus is our God.
We will glorify...

Acts 5:27-32

²⁷ When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name,^[a] yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority.'^[b] ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

Anthem

St. John 20:19-31

¹⁹ 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.' ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin^[a]), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ 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.'

²⁶ 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.' ²⁷ 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.' ²⁸ Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹ 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.'

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

Hymn 430 Christ has risen while the earth slumbers,

- 1 Christ has risen while earth slumbers,
Christ has risen where hope died,
as he said and as he promised,
as we doubted and denied.
Let the moon embrace the blessing;
let the sun sustain the cheer;
let the world confirm the rumour.
Christ is risen, God is here!
- 2 Christ has risen for the people
whom he died to love and save;
Christ has risen for the women
bringing flowers to grace his grave
Christ has risen for disciples
huddled in an upstairs room.
He whose word inspired creation
can't be silenced by the tomb.

3 Christ has risen to companion
former friends who fear the night,
sensing loss and limitation
where their faith had once burned bright.
They bemoan what is no longer,
they expect no hopeful sign
till Christ ends their conversation,
breaking bread and sharing wine.

4 Christ has risen and forever
lives to challenge and to change
all whose lives are messed or mangled,
all who find religion strange.
Christ is risen. Christ is present
making us what he has been -
evidence of transformation
in which God is known and seen.

2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God!
And every offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives:
Chorus

3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our joy and our wonder, when Jesus we see:
Chorus

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Sermon

The Offering (& Sung Doxology: Hymn 807)

Prayers of Intercession & The Lord's Prayer

Hymn 512 To God be the glory, great things he has done!

1 To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life in atonement for sin,
Who opened the life-gate that all may go in:
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son;
And give him the glory-great things he has done!

Benediction

Choral Amen