

Sunday 4th May, 2025
The Third 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.
- **Tea and Coffee** will be served **after Church** in the Cameron Hall.
- The **Kirk Session** will meet in the Cambridge Chapel on **Tuesday 6th May, 2025 at 7.30pm.**
- There will be a **Vestry Hour** on **Wednesday 7th May, 2025 at 10am** followed by our **mid-week Service at 11.10am.**

- **Christian Aid Quiz Night Saturday 10 May at 7:30pm** (doors open from 7:00pm) **Cadder South Halls**, Entry by donation (min. £5 per person)

- **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 172 Sing for God's glory that colours the dawn of creation,

1. Sing for God's glory that colours the dawn of creation,
racing across the sky, trailing bright clouds of elation;
sun of delight
succeeds the velvet of night,
warming the earth's exultation.

2. Sing for God's power that shatters the chains that would bind us,
searing the darkness of fear and despair that could blind us,
touching our shame
with love that will not lay blame,
reaching out gently to find us.

3. Sing for God's justice disturbing each easy illusion,
tearing down tyrants and putting our pride to confusion;
lifeblood of right,
resisting evil and slight,
offering freedom's transfusion.

4. Sing for God's saints who have travelled faith's journey before us,
who in our weariness give us their hope to restore us;
in them we see
the new creation to be,
spirit of love made flesh for us.
Kathryn Galloway(b.1952)

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Children's Address

Hymn 783 Lord you are so precious to me

1 Lord, you are so precious to me,
Lord, You are so precious to me,
And I love You,
Yes, I love You,
Because You first loved me.

2 Lord, You are so gracious to me,
Lord, You are so gracious to me,
And I love You,
Yes, I love You,
Because You first loved me.

Acts 9:1-6

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵ He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

Anthem

St. John 21:1-19

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ² Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin,^[a] Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³ Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." ⁶ He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards^[b] off. ⁹ When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. ¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you

know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." ¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

Hymn 467 All my days I will sing this song of gladness,

- 1 All my days I will sing this song of gladness,
give my praise to the fountain of delights;
for in my helplessness You heard my cry,
and waves of mercy poured down on my life.
- 2 I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer,
I will sing of the blood that never fails,
of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed,
of death defeated and life without end.
*Beautiful Saviour, Wonderful Counsellor,
clothed in majesty, Lord of history,
You're the Way, the Truth, the Life.
Star of the Morning, glorious in holiness,
You're the Risen One, heaven's Champion,
and You reign, You reign over all!*
- 3 I long to be where the praise is never-ending,
yearn to dwell where the glory never fades,
where countless worshippers will share one song,
and cries of 'worthy' will honour the Lamb!

Sermon

The Offering (& Sung Doxology: Hymn 807)

Prayers of Intercession & The Lord's Prayer

Hymn 110 Glory be to God the Father,

- 1 Glory be to God the Father,
 Glory be to God the Son,
 Glory be to God the Spirit,-
 Great Jehovah, Three in One!
 Glory, glory, glory, glory
 While eternal ages run!

- 2 Glory be to him who loved us,
 Washed us from each spot and stain!
 Glory be to him who bought us,
 Made us kings with him to reign!
 Glory, glory, glory, glory
 To the Lamb that once was slain!

- 3 Glory to the King of angels,
 Glory to the Church's King,
 Glory to the King of nations!
 Heaven and earth, your praises bring;
 Glory, glory, glory, glory
 To the King of Glory bring!

- 4 'Glory, blessing, praise eternal!'
 Thus the choir of angels sings;
 'Honour, riches, power, dominion!'
 Thus its praise creation brings;
 Glory, glory, glory, glory
 Glory to the King of kings!

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Benediction

Choral Amen