

Please come for communion or a blessing. If you receive communion in any Christian Church, you are welcome here with us.

If you would like personal prayer, for yourself or someone else, please speak to any of the ministry team.

Please sing or keep a prayerful silence during the giving of communion.

### Hymns/Songs

Taize – Surrexit Christus  
S21 Jesus Christ

Prayer after Communion:

**God of life, you have loved us so much that you have saved us by giving your only son to death on the cross, and by his rising to new life: help us to die to sin each day, that we may live forever in the new life you give us. Through Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord. Amen**

### Easter Blessing

**Christ give us grace to grow in holiness, to deny ourselves, to take up our cross, to follow him; and to love each other as your family.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always.  
**Amen**

Hymn 503 Thine be the glory

Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**He has given us new life and hope.  
He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

God has claimed us as his own.  
**He has brought us out of darkness.  
He has made us light to the world**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

### Easter Surprise and Celebration!

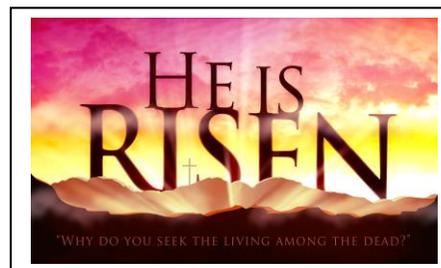
*We hope you have a lovely Easter*



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**Do join in the EASTER EGG HUNT afterwards and do have a look at our EASTER GARDEN! Thank you to our flower team for making the church look so wonderful!**

## St Peter's Bishop's Waltham Easter Celebration



### Welcome and Notices

*Revd James*

***"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!" Luke 24v5-6***

We are risen with Christ:  
**The Lord is risen!**  
Eternal life is ours:  
**The Lord is risen!**  
Death has met its master:  
**The Lord is risen!**  
The way to heaven is open:  
**The Lord is risen!**  
He is risen indeed:  
**Alleluia! Amen**

Song S35 See what a morning

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*Please sit*

*Easter Thanksgiving and Confession:*

Dear Lord, today is the most special of days - *a day of victory celebration and praise!*

Today is day on which we remember your great triumph – *the defeat of evil, suffering and death.*

Today we recall the transformation you have brought – *joy after sorrow, hope after despair, faith after doubt.*

Today us is a day on which we give thanks for all you have given us – *love, laughter and life!*

Lord, forgive us for when we have lost sight of these truths – **but help us to find joy in your words of hope.**

Lord, we so easily forget all you have done for us – **but help us to know how much you really love us.**

Lord, we so easily just don't respond – **but help us to live for you every day.**

Lord we so easily have such small vision of what you can do – **but help us to know the real power of your Holy Spirit.**

Lord on this Easter Day, fill us with your word, your love and your Holy Spirit - **so we may live not just today, but every day as your Easter people, through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen**

*God's forgiveness is declared:*  
May the God of resurrection power forgive and free us from our sins, heal and strengthen us by His Holy Spirit, and raise us to new life in Jesus our Lord. **Amen**

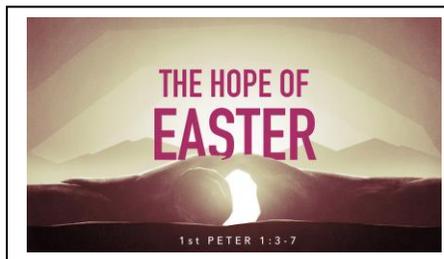
*Easter Day Prayer:*  
Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.  
**Amen**

## Bible Readings, Sermon and Prayers

**Bible Reading**  
**Matthew, Mark, Luke and John**  
***The Resurrection of Jesus***

**Hymn** *S19 In Christ Alone*

**Easter Message** *Rev'd James*



Let us now declare our faith in the cross and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ:

**Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures; he was buried; he was raised to life on the third day in accordance with the scriptures; afterwards he appeared to his followers, and to all the apostles: this we have received and this we believe. Amen**

Prayers

### Communion *Rev'd Tom*

*Please stand for sharing of the peace:*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of Easter peace.

**Hymn 563** *Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem*

*Offertory prayer:*

Father in heaven, we thank you for these gifts and those given in other ways, all in response to your generosity to us. May they be used to bring the Good News of your death and resurrection to others this Easter. **Amen**

Father as we gather around this communion table, help us to receive your resurrection life and presence in us by your Holy Spirit as we remember you through this bread and this wine. **Amen**

The Lord be with you:  
**And also with you.**

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.**

The Communion Prayer

*Responses:*  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth  
are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna  
in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, Hosanna,  
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Last Supper is recalled

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died: Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**

*The prayer continues until Amen*

*A moment of quiet*

As our saviour taught us so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven hallowed be your name, your kingdom come; your will be done; on earth as it is 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 forever. 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.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

*The Invitation to Communion:*  
Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:  
**Therefore let us keep the feast.  
Alleluia.**

