

# ST HILDA'S ASHFORD



## THE EUCHARIST

### EASTER 2

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# THE GATHERING

## Introit Hymn

All hail the power of Jesu's Name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
To crown him, crown him, crown him,  
Crown him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,  
Ye ransomed from the fall,  
Hail him who saves you by his grace  
And crown him, crown him, crown him,  
Crown him Lord of all.

Hail him, ye heirs of David's line,  
Whom David Lord did call;  
The God incarnate, Man divine,  
And crown him, crown him, crown him,  
Crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget  
The wormwood and the gall,  
Go spread your trophies at his feet,  
And crown him, crown him, crown him,  
Crown him Lord of all.

Let every tribe and every tongue  
To him their hearts enthrall,  
Lift high the universal song  
And crown him, crown him, crown him,  
Crown him Lord of all.

*[Edward Perronet and others]*

## **The Greeting**

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

**All Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you

**All and also with you.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

## **Prayer of Preparation**

**All Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## **Prayers of Penitence**

Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us.  
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil  
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

**All Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,**

**through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us, forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

**All Glory to God in the highest;  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**You alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,**

**with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

### **The Collect**

Risen Christ,  
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:  
open the doors of our hearts,  
that we may seek the good of others  
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,  
to the praise of God the Father.

**All Amen.**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **First Reading – Acts 5: 27 – 32**

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

*At the end the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## **Second Reading – Revelation 1: 4 - 8**

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;  
every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him;  
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

*At the end the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Reading – John 20: 19 - end**

Alleluia, Alleluia.

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;  
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

**All Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

When it was evening on 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.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 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.' 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.' 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.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' 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.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

**The Sermon**

**The Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

Jesus our exalted Lord has been given all authority.  
Let us seek his intercession that our prayers may be  
perfected by his prayer.

*...at the end*

Merciful Father,

**All** accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom,  
you know our needs before we ask,  
and our ignorance in asking:  
have compassion on our weakness,  
and give us those things  
which for our unworthiness we dare not,  
and for our blindness we cannot ask,  
for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All** Amen.

## **THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

### **The Peace** – *All stand*

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

**All** and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

### **Offertory Hymn**

**Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,  
First-begotten from the dead,  
Thou alone, our strong defender,  
Liftest up thy people's head.**

**Alleluya, Alleluya,  
Jesu, true and living Bread!**

**Here our humblest homage pay we,  
Here in loving reverence bow;  
Here for Faith's discernment pray we,  
Lest we fail to know thee now.**

**Alleluya, Alleluya,  
Thou art here, we ask not how.**

**Though the lowliest form doth veil thee  
As of old in Bethlehem,  
Here as there thine angels hail thee,  
Branch and Flower of Jesse's stem.**

**Alleluya, Alleluya,  
We in worship join with them**

**Paschal Lamb, thine Offering, finished  
Once for all when thou wast slain,  
In its fullness undiminished  
Shall forevermore remain.**

**Alleluya, Alleluya,  
Cleansing souls from every stain.**

**Life-imparting heavenly Manna,  
Stricken Rock with streaming side,  
Heaven and earth with loud hosanna  
Worship thee, the Lamb who died,**

**Alleluya, Alleluya,  
Risen, ascended, glorified!**

*[G. H. Bourne]*

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,  
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;  
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.  
All All things come from you,  
and of your own do we give you.**

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you

**All And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,  
at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise,  
holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For he is your living Word;  
through him you have created all things from the beginning,  
and formed us in your own image.

Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin,  
giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross;  
you raised him from the dead and exalted him to your right  
hand on high.

Through him you have sent upon us your holy and life-giving  
Spirit, and made us a people for your own possession.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you because you raised  
him gloriously from the dead.

For he is the true paschal lamb who was offered for us,  
and has taken away the sin of the world.

By his death he has destroyed death,  
and by his rising to life again he has restored to us  
everlasting life.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with All the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and *singing*:

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

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
*Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.*

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:

*Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of  
sins.*

*Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.*

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the miracle of faith:

**All Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit,  
inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

**All Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever.**

**Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Rejoicing in God's new creation, let us pray with confidence  
as our Saviour taught us:

**All Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,**

**the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

## **Agnus Dei**

**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.**

## **Giving of Communion**

*The president says the invitation to communion*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*The people and president receive communion.*

## Communion Hymns

Sweet sacrament divine,  
Hid in thine earthly home,  
Lo, round thy lowly shrine,  
With suppliant hearts we come;  
Jesu, to thee our voice we raise,  
In songs of love and heartfelt praise:  
Sweet sacrament divine,  
Sweet sacrament divine.

Sweet sacrament of peace,  
Dear home for every heart,  
Where restless yearnings cease  
And sorrows all depart;  
There in thine ear all trustfully  
We tell our tale of misery:  
Sweet sacrament of peace,  
Sweet sacrament of peace.

Sweet sacrament of rest,  
Ark from the ocean's roar,  
Within thy shelter blest  
Soon may we reach the shore;  
Save us, for still the tempest raves,  
Save, lest we sink beneath the waves,  
Sweet sacrament of rest:  
Sweet sacrament of rest.

Sweet sacrament divine,  
Earth's light and jubilee,  
In thy far depths doth shine  
The Godhead's majesty;  
Sweet light, so shine on us, we pray,

**That earthly joys may fade away,  
Sweet sacrament divine,  
Sweet sacrament divine.**

*[Francis Stanfield]*

**Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy one is  
here.  
Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear.  
In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy one is  
here.**

**Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;  
He burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned.  
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.**

**Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;  
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.  
No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him.  
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.**

*[David J. Evans © 1986 Kingsway's Thankyou Music]*

## **Prayer after Communion**

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. **Amen**

**All Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

Notices

## **THE DISMISSAL**

### **Blessing**

The God of peace,  
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
that great shepherd of the sheep,  
through the blood of the eternal covenant,  
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,  
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**All Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

**All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

*The minister departs.*

### **Recessional Hymn**

**Thou didst leave thy throne and thy kingly crown,  
When thou camest to earth for me;  
But in Bethlehem's home there was found no room  
For thy holy nativity:**

*O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,  
There is room in my heart for thee.*

Heaven's arches rang when the angels sang,  
Proclaiming thy royal degree;  
But in lowly birth didst thou come to earth,  
And in great humility:

*Refrain*

Thou camest, O Lord, with the living word  
That should set thy people free;  
But with mocking scorn and with crown of thorn,  
They bore thee to Calvary:

*Refrain*

When all heaven shall ring, and her choirs shall sing,  
At thy coming to victory,  
Let thy voice call me home, saying "Yet there is room,  
There is room at my side for thee."

*O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,  
There is room in my heart for thee.*

*[Emily Elliott]*

## SERVICE TIMES

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 11am

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May April 8am (Book of Common Prayer)

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May April 9.30am (Parish Eucharist)

The Sunday service is livestreamed and can be viewed later our Facebook page

### Please remember in your prayers this week:

#### THE SICK:

James Bedford	Melvyn Jansen	Rev. Peter Taylor
Robb Clarke	Jane Johnson	
Ann Considine	Pat Kyle	Sheila West
Julia Cowley	Chris Maddock	Philip Willerton
Michael Dixon	Mrs McCammon	Chick Wilson
Anna Elwell	Libby Mills	Peter Wilson
Jack Everett	Raymond Nation	Jo Wood
Peter Garner	Pat Parish	Erin
Eileen Gilbert	Elizabeth Savill-Burgess	Izzy
Ray Greenwood	Delphine Scrivener	Nic
Juilet Griffith	Riley Shaw	Baby Reuben
Alison Griffiths	Emily Smith	Bob
Vicky Hall	Elsie Stone	Margaret
Jean Iddiols	Roy Stone	

#### THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Peggy Pinfold	Pauline Lewis	Joan Harden
Robert Martin	George Nicholas	

#### THOSE IN OUR MEMORIAL BOOK THIS WEEK

Richard Alan West	Edward Norman Phillips	Mary Milton
Kenneth Goldsmith	Elvina Maud Stone	Winifred E L Barnes
Doris Hilda Durham	William G F Durham	Pauline Pearl Levey

Please pray for our ALMA twin parish, Holy Cross Murrupula

## NOTICES

**The Parish Office is available by phone weekdays 9am – 5pm  
Visitors by appointment only**

### **Church Opening**

St Hilda's is open for public worship services. Masks are optional.

**Following the teaching of 'Loving thy Neighbour' - If you feel unwell, we ask that you do not attend so that we can maintain the health and safety of all who attend the services.**

### **Electoral Roll**

The Electoral Roll will close for revision Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022. If you consider St Hilda's to be your regular place of worship why not complete an Electoral Roll Application and come on our Roll. Forms are available from the Parish Office and can also be found on the blue boards.

Please complete and return these forms no later than madday Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

### **Annual Parochial Church Meeting – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May 11.30am**

This will be held after the service.

Election application forms for the PCC and Church Warden can be found on the blue board or obtained from the parish office.

### **Feed my Sheep –Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2.30pm – 4pm**

The theme is Prayers and Praying.

### **Ambling through Acts course – Next meeting Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May (7:30pm on the first Thursday of each month)**

Led by Fr Steve, a study of the Acts of the Apostles will entail a close reading of the text. We will see the unfolding story of the beginnings of the church through the eyes of the writer, try to discern his purposes, discover new things, and learn that though the context has changed, human nature remains much the same. Hence, the struggles of those first followers may find resonances in our own day as we live out our individual lives of discipleship and participate together in the life of the church.

Everyone is very welcome to attend. There will be refreshments at the end. We will finish by saying Compline (Night Prayer) together round about 9pm. I hope to see you there. Please bring a bible – ideally the NRSV, but any version will do.

### **St Hilda's Breakfast –Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May 9.30am**

Join us for a hearty breakfast and a talk from a guest speaker who this month will be Cllr Nick Gething who will be talking of his recent humanitarian visit to the Ukraine / Poland border. Please book by contacting the office or through the links on our website or Facebook page.

### **Community Lunch – every Wednesday**

Join us for the Community Lunch at midday. If you are able to come forward and help, even once a month, please do liaise with Bobbie.

### **Bible Study – every Wednesday**

Bible Study group meet in Church at 7.30pm. All welcome.

### **Food Bank Donations**

Please use the wooden chest at the rear of the Church to place any donations for the local food bank, such as tinned and dried goods and toiletries.

### **Paving Slabs needed**

If anyone has any spare slabs that could be used in the Memorial Garden, please see Paula Gething.

### **Pilgrimage to Westminster Abbey – Date TBC**

A parish pilgrimage is being arranged to Westminster Abbey, please sign up on the sheet at the rear of the Church or contact the office. A date will be arranged if we have enough interest.

### **St Hilda's News**

We are still looking for a new editor(s) to take over.

### **Sponsor a church chair**

If you can help towards the cost of the last chairs or trolleys (that have now arrived), please complete the form at the rear of the Church.

- £90 covers the cost of a chair
- £225 covers the cost of a stacking trolley

## **A Time to Worship Together – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May – 3pm**

A service and activities led by Simon Shutt, suitable for all the family. Please book tickets via our link on our website or Facebook page.



**St Hilda's Church,  
Ashford**



Come and join us for an hour on  
**3.00pm Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>  
May 2022**

A Time to Worship Together Service

**Ascension - Jesus returns to Heaven**

Things to make, songs to sing, prayers to join in with.

This event is being held in conjunction with FACT, a local Christian charity.

**Bring everyone who lives with you, all your household.**

Light refreshments afterwards.

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