



The Benefice of Lostwithiel Parishes



St Veep

A Eucharist in Eastertide

Sunday 17th May 2026 at 11am

The Gathering

The congregation stands for the processional hymn - number 139 "Rejoice! The Lord is King", a hymn of Ascension joy, lifting our hearts to the risen and reigning Christ as we begin our worship.

1. Rejoice! The Lord is King.
Your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore:
*lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

2. Jesus, the saviour, reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above.

3. His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given.

He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet:
*lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

Priest In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit
All Amen

The Lord be with you
All And also with you

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

Welcome & Greeting

Let us return to the Lord and say to him;

All **Father, we have sinned against heaven and against you.**

We are not worthy to be called your children.

We turn to you again. Have mercy on us, bring us back to yourself as those who were once dead but now have life through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Absolution

May the God of love and power forgive and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

All **Amen**

The Gloria

The Gloria is said

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.

For 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

God of glory, by the raising of your Son, you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open, In our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the word

Readings

Acts 1:6-14 The Ascension of Jesus

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

At the end This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn *no 4, a quiet prayer for illumination, asking Christ our day-spring to open our hearts as we prepare to hear the Gospel.*

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| 1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear | till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart. |
| 2. Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return, | 3. Visit, then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiancy divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day. |

The Gospel Reading

We remain standing for the reading of the Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus said, I am the resurrection and the life.

Those who believe in me, even though they die will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

All Alleluia

The Lord be with you

All And also with you

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

All Glory to you O Lord

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All Praise to you O Christ

Address

The Creed

We stand to affirm our faith in the words of the Creed

**All 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 men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
and 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.

Intercession

Please sit or kneel for our time of prayer and intercession

In joy and hope let us pray to the Father.

That our risen Saviour may fill us [and...]

With the joy of his glorious and life-giving resurrection...

We pray to the Father

All Hear our prayer.

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter...

We pray to the Father

All Hear our prayer.

That God may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love...

We pray to the Father

All Hear our prayer.

That he may provide for those who lack food, work or shelter...

We pray to the Father

All Hear our prayer.

That by his power war and famine may cease through all the world...

We pray to the Father

All Hear our prayer.

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak and the dying, to comfort and strengthen them...

We pray to the Father

All **Hear our prayer.**

That, according to this promises, all who have died in the faith of the resurrection may be raised on the last day...

We pray to the Father

All **Hear our prayer.**

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, so that we may bear fruitful witness to his resurrection,

We pray to the Father

All **Hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father,

you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:

grant that, as his death has recalled us to life, so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy;

through Christ our Lord.

Amen

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

We stand for the peace and share peace by shaking hands with those around us

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, Peace be with you. Then they were 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

The altar is prepared. Bread and wine are placed upon it.

The gifts of the people are received and blessed

Hymn No 365. A broad, generous hymn of praise, celebrating the love that holds creation and inviting us to offer our lives in thanksgiving

1. God is Love: let heav'n adore him;
God is Love: let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him,
and exalt him with one voice.
He who laid the earth's foundation,
he who spread the heav'ns above,
he who breathes through all creation,
he is Love, eternal Love.

2. God is Love: and he enfoldeth
all the world in one embrace;
with unfailing grasp he holdeth
every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
then they find that selfsame aching
deep within the heart of God.

3. God is Love: and though with blindness
sin afflicts the souls of men,
God's eternal loving kindness
holds and guides them even then.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is Love, so Love for ever
o'er the universe must reign.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.

In your loving care, you spread before us the table of life and give us the cup of salvation to drink. Keep us always in the fold of our Saviour and our Shepherd, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Or Creator of all, you wash away our sins, you give us new birth by the Spirit, and redeem us in the blood of Christ.

As we celebrate the resurrection, renew your gift of life within us.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

All Amen

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

All And also with you

Lift up your hearts

All We lift them up 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, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and on this day of our redemption to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in men and women the image of your glory. He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness, while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

**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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, And according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

Who, on 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 the 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.

Jesus Christ is Lord

**All Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, His perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; Rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of [N and] all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, by the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

All Amen

Let us pray now with confidence the prayer our Saviour taught us

All Our Father who art in heaven....

Breaking of the 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

All Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Jesus is the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

Please come forward to either receive communion if it is your tradition or a blessing

Post Communion Prayer

All Father of all, we give you thanks and praise that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life, we who drink his cup bring life to others, we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Notices

Hymn No 458. *A sending-out hymn for Ascensiontide, sending us into the world in Christ's peace to live what we have heard and received*

1. Forth in the peace of Christ we go;
Christ to the world with joy we bring;
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,
Christ in our hearts, the world's true King.
- 2 King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings;
kingship with him his servants gain;
with Christ, the Servant-Lord of all,
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's
reign.
3. Priests of the world, Christ send us forth
this world of time to consecrate,
this world of sin by grace to heal,
Christ's world in Christ to re-create.
4. Christ's are our lips, his word we speak;
prophets are we whose deeds proclaim
Christ's truth in love, that we may be
Christ in the world, to spread Christ's
name.
- 5 . We are the Church; Christ bids us show
that in his Church all nations find
their hearth and home, where Christ restores
true peace, true love, to all mankind.

Dismissal and Final Blessing

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.

All Amen

God the Son, who in bursting the grave has won a glorious victory,
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

All Amen

God the Holy Spirit, whom the risen Lord breathed into his disciples,
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

All Amen

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Dismissal

He is not here. He is risen! Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Please join us for coffee and conversation after the service
- it's a lovely way to catch up and meet new faces.*



