

**MAYFIELD SALISBURY PARISH CHURCH**

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**Live Streamed Service Every Sunday at 10.15am**



**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

# **EASTER SUNDAY**

**Led by Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth**

**and Kate Pearson, Hillary Leslie, Charles Garland, Kay McIntosh,  
the Mayfield Salisbury Parish Choir & the Chamber Group, and the  
congregation in church and online**

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The very first Easter taught us this:  
that life never ends and love never dies.

*Kate McGahan*



Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection,  
not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime.

*Martin Luther King Jr*



## **AS A DIVERSE PEOPLE, THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP ALMIGHTY GOD**

*Organ Voluntary*

**Welcome & Intimations**

**The Grace**

**Preparatory Silence for Worship**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: This is the Good News:  
the light now shines in the darkness  
and the darkness can never put it out,

**All: HALLELUJAH!**

Leader: This is the Good News:  
the stone is rolled away,  
Jesus is our saviour,

**All: HALLELUJAH!**

Leader: This is the Good News:  
the grave is empty  
and He is risen,

**All: HE IS RISEN INDEED!**

**Prayer of Approach, Praise and Confession & Lord's Prayer**

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

**All-Age Talk**

Led by Hillary Leslie

**The Collect for Easter Sunday – said by all**

**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.**

**Old Testament**

**Isaiah 25:6 – 9**

**Charles Garland**

6 On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.  
7 And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;  
8 he will swallow up death for ever.  
Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the Lord has spoken.  
9 It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him,  
so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

## Anthem

### The strife is o'er

*Words: Latin 17<sup>th</sup> c. translated by Francis Potts (1832 – 1909)*

*Music: 17<sup>th</sup> c. melody (Melchior Vulpius's Gesangbuch)*

*Harmonised Henry Ley (1887 – 1962)*

*The strife is o'er, the battle done:*

*Now is the victor's triumph won:*

*O let the song of praise be sung*

*Alleluia!*

*Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,*

*And Jesus has his foes dispersed:*

*Let shouts of praise and joy outburst:*

*Alleluia!*

*On the third morn he rose again,*

*Glorious in majesty to reign;*

*O let us swell the joyful strain:*

*Alleluia!*

*Lord, by thy stripes which wounded thee*

*From death's dread sting thy servants free,*

*That we may live and sing to thee*

*Alleluia!*

*Amen*

**New Testament**

**John 20:1 - 18**

**Kay McIntosh, DCS**

## The Resurrection of Jesus

**20** Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup> So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' <sup>3</sup> Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. <sup>4</sup> The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup> and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup> Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup> for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples returned to their homes.

## **Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene**

<sup>11</sup> But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup> and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup> They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' <sup>14</sup> When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher) . <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' <sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

## **Sermon 'Life Never Ends and Love Never Dies'**

Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth

**Hymn 410**

**Jesus Christ is risen today**

*(t. Easter Hymn)*

## **Prayer of Dedication and Intercession**

**Hymn 419**

**Thine be the glory**

*(t. Maccabaeus)*

## Closing Responses

Leader: For the rulers and the powerful,  
the weak and the lowly,

**ALL: CHRIST IS RISEN**

Leader: For the joyful and the broken,  
for the sinned against and the sinner,

**ALL: CHRIST IS RISEN.**

Leader: For our life together as a church,  
and for the quiet corners of our hearts,

**ALL: CHRIST IS RISEN.**

Leader: For life and death,  
and life beyond death,

**ALL: CHRIST IS RISEN.**

Leader: JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY!

**ALL: HE IS RISEN INDEED. HALLELUJAH!**

## Benediction

### *Organ Voluntary*

**TODAY'S ANTHEM MUSIC** The anthem is an arrangement of the seventeenth century Easter hymn *The strife is o'er* by Henry Ley who was organist at Christ Church Cathedral Oxford and then Precentor (that is, in charge of the College Chapel music) at Eton College. Largely unison verses are interspersed with vigorous 'Halleluiahs' in harmony and accompanied by a fine organ part.

## INTIMATIONS

**Everyone welcome after the service for Zoom Coffee and Chat!**

11:30 am every week on Sundays. The link is:

<https://zoom.us/j/91620889282?pwd=SWVlZmQzMk9YZ2lBaTRCVlUvZ215dz09>

Bring your own coffee (or tea/juice!) If you prefer to phone in,  
the number to call is 0131 460 1196.

1. **PLEASE NOTE** Due to current restrictions, the Minister, Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth, is regrettably unable to meet after the service today. Please feel free to be in contact by email at [AForsyth@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:AForsyth@churchofscotland.org.uk) or by telephone **0131 667 1286**. **Please do not congregate in the car park at close of worship.** Many thanks.
2. **EASTER RIBBONS** *Look out for our ribbons on Easter Sunday morning! They will be flying until after the service on Sunday 18th April, and we'll be happy to receive new messages throughout that time - it's not too late to take part! Thanks to everyone who has already done so.* Easter is a time of joy and thanksgiving, so we'd like to invite you to write **messages reflecting the things you're grateful for:** from the beauty of the natural world, to the support of friends and neighbours during difficult times, and of course the great gift of Easter itself.

Please send your messages by email or phone, and we'll transcribe them on to ribbons for you and attach them to the church railings. Short phrases - ten words or so - would be ideal, but you can have as many ribbons as you want! Either **email your message** to Kate O'Brien, [kate.obrien@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kate.obrien@hotmail.co.uk) **or alternatively phone** Kate on 0131 667 4362 or Deirdre Eustace on 07785 30182. Add your name if you wish, but first names only please, for security reasons. Thank you! *The Christian Aid Team*

3. **SUPPORT MAYFIELD SALISBURY CHURCH** Regular and one-off donations, now possible through: **[www.give.net/20311853](http://www.give.net/20311853)**
4. **PASTORAL CARE AND PRAYERS** Thank you to all of you who are continuing with your phone chains. They are still very much appreciated by those receiving them. We are still not able to visit you in your home, but we have hope that change is on the horizon. Remember to inform the Ministry team if you are due to go into hospital or you know of anyone who would value us being in contact with them. Maybe you would like us to hold you in prayer? Please contact Kay with your details on 07903 266 307.

5. **YOUTH GROUP** There will be no Youth Group on 4 and 11 April - enjoy your Easter break! The youth programme for the month of April can be found on the 'Young People' page on our website.

### **Books for the journey ...**

Walter Brueggemann, *Virus as a Summons to Faith*, (2020)

Steve Aisthorpe, *Re-Wilding the Church*, (2020)

Jonny Baker & Cathy Ross, *Imagining Mission with John V. Taylor* (2020)

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### **Forthcoming Deadlines**

*Order of service for next week:* Thursday at 6.00pm.

*Next Grapevine:* Friday 23 April at 6.00pm.

Please send submissions to the Church Manager, William Mearns.  
Phone: 0780 801 1234 or email: churchmanager@googlemail.com

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**Ecotip: Take the stairs, not the lift**