



St John the Baptist, Catford & Downham Team Ministry

Easter Day

5th April 2026



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Hymns:

♪ Processional-	267
♪ Gradual-	324
♪ Offertory-	495
♪ Communion-	45
The Alleluia Chorus:	
G.F. Handel	
♪ Recessional-	503
♪ Voluntary- Grand Waltz &	
Adagio: PI Tchaikovsky	

Collect

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.**

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31.1-6

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

¹ At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

² Thus says the LORD: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest,

³ the LORD appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

⁴ Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merry-makers.

⁵ Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit.

⁶ For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: 'Come, let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God.'

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 118., 1, .14-24

Refrain:

¹ O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious : **because his mercy endureth for ever.**

¹⁴ The Lord is my strength, and my song : and is become my salvation.

¹⁵ The voice of joy and health is in the dwellings of the righteous : the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass. **R**

¹⁶ The right hand of the Lord hath the pre-eminence : the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass.

¹⁷ I shall not die, but live : and declare the works of the Lord. **R**

¹⁸ The Lord hath chastened and corrected me : but he hath not given me over unto death.

¹⁹ Open me the gates of righteousness : that I may go into them, and give thanks unto the Lord. **R**

²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord : the righteous shall enter into it.

²¹ I will thank thee, for thou hast heard me : and art become my salvation. **R**

²² The same stone which the builders refused : is become the head-stone in the corner.

²³ This is the Lord's doing : and it is marvellous in our eyes.

²⁴ This is the day which the Lord hath made : we will rejoice and be glad in it. **R**

2nd Reading: Acts 10.34-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

³⁴ Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality,

³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all.

³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced:

³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree;

⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear,

⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.



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⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel: John 20.1-18

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you O, Lord.

¹ 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.

² 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.'

³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb.

⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.

⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.

⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there,

⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself.

⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed;

⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb;

¹² 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.

¹³ 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.'

¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

¹⁵ 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.'

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' which means Teacher.

¹⁷ 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."'

¹⁸ 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Notices

Thank you to everyone involved in our Holy Week & Easter services, and in getting the church ready for them.

Copies of the **annual report** are available to be read at the back of church, and can be downloaded from our website.

Prayers

For healing and protection for: Eunice, Youngson, Shea, Pelu Thomas, Alison Marrett, Dwayne, Eric, Annie, Beverley, Glyn, Drew Spikes, Ruth Bennett, Bilki, Marcel, Leila, Theresa.

For those departed this life including Susan Bhunu, and those with an anniversary of a death at this time including John Garlinge.

Church Diary

Prayer Chapel open:
9.30am-5.30pm

Easter Day (5th)
10.30am Sung Mass with Baptisms, 1st Communion & enrolment of members of the Mothers' Union
No Morning Prayer, Evensong or midweek Masses this week.

Easter Friday (10th)
1pm 1st Friday Club

2nd Sunday of Easter (12th)
10.30am Sung Mass with Children's Church and Youth Church.

St John's AGM:
Sunday 19th, 12 noon

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