

16th April 2022

Dear all,

Today is that unusual day that goes under the name of Holy Saturday, or Silent Saturday, or Easter Eve. It is the day that Jesus was in the tomb, or, as many Christians believe 'harrowing' hell – when Jesus released many (all?) from the clutches of death and to eternal life.

I like the idea of silent Saturday. Yes, we have the ultimate 'spoiler alert'. We know how the story ends. But Jesus' followers didn't – they had to live through the loss and pain. And it is good to be there for a while, for those for whom God appears to be distant. If not silent.

But tomorrow, we celebrate.

The lectionary readings for tomorrow are: Acts 10: 34-43; 1 Corinthians 15: 19-26; and Luke 24: 1-12. The Psalm is Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24.

The hymns for the service are [Jesus Christ is risen today \(from BBC Songs of Praise in Hereford Cathedral\) - YouTube](#); [Steve Winwood - "Now The Green Blade Riseth" \(2020\) - YouTube](#); and [King's College Choir - Thine be the glory \(Haendel\) - YouTube](#)

Anglican Chant [Psalm 118, 'O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious' - YouTube](#)

And a very interesting modern take [Teshuva - Salvation \(Psalm 118\) \[Official Music Video\] - YouTube](#)

And in Hebrew [Psalm 118 sung in Hebrew - תהלים קיח - אודך \[NEW HALLEL TUNE\] - YouTube](#)

Anthems suggested for the lectionary readings include:

[Palestrina: Haec dies 8v - La Grande Chapelle - YouTube](#)

[weelkes christ rising - YouTube](#)

[Messiah, Part Three: I know that my redeemer liveth \(soprano I\) - YouTube](#)

[Wesley's "Blessed be the God and Father": St Paul's Cathedral 1988 \(John Scott\) - YouTube](#)

[Alleluya psallat \(William Mathias\) - Guildford Cathedral Choir \(Barry Rose\) - YouTube](#)

[He Is Risen \(Lyric Video\) - Graham Kendrick & Paul Baloche - YouTube](#)

And, not forgetting my essential Easter listening: [Bach - Easter Oratorio: Kommt, eilet und lauffet BWV 249 - Van Veldhoven | Netherlands Bach Society - YouTube](#)

Don't forget the other services tomorrow – 5.30am Sunrise Service of Light, 9.00 BCP Communion and 6.00pm Festival Evensong.

Next Sunday is our Annual Church Meeting. Attached to this email are the agenda, 2021 minutes and 2021 Annual Report. This is to reduce cost and paper use. There will be a few hard copies at the meeting for those who need.

If you have any questions or Any Other Business, it would be useful to have this in advance.



Stay safe.

Blessings and love

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