



**Today**

10:00am Parish Eucharist live on Zoom  
6:00pm Evensong live on Zoom

Morning & Evening Prayer are said Monday to Friday, 9.15am & 6.00pm

St Stephen's Rochester Row is now closed for both public worship and private prayer.

Morning and Evening Prayer will be continued to be prayed daily and live streamed, together with our 10am Eucharist and 6pm Evensong. Links to these services will be posted onto our [website here](http://www.sswsj.org) ([www.sswsj.org](http://www.sswsj.org)).

We are using Zoom to stream our services. If you are new to Zoom or require help, please click on the helpful guide [here](https://www.edusc.org/blog/how-to-join-a-zoom-meeting/): <https://www.edusc.org/blog/how-to-join-a-zoom-meeting/>

**As we are slowly adjusting to different ways of worship, our [website](http://www.sswsj.org) is becoming an increasingly important means of communication. I urge to look and use these new ways of being and worshipping together.**

We have some new sections including:

- [Resources for Families](#), found under Resources, will have a link to open access on the Roots website, which we use for Sunday School.

In addition, we have the following upcoming events:

- **BCP** will be returning on Wednesdays at 12:30pm. Zoom details as follows:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86386472199?pwd=aHVuNFVINGlYQkR5RnEvaopKV1VLUT09>  
Meeting ID: 863 8647 2199 Password: 024402
- [Tea@3](#) is coming back, virtually! Tea@3, will be returning on Wednesdays starting 6th of May. Please do join us and our friends from St Barnabas via Zoom. Link to be posted [online here](#).
- Ascension Day Discussion will be held at 12:30pm on 21st of May. All welcome. Link to be posted [online here](#).

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Please use the Eastertide service sheet posted online [here](http://www.sswsj.org/services---live-on-zoom--video-format.html) (<http://www.sswsj.org/services---live-on-zoom--video-format.html>) to follow the service.

The readings are all included below, together with the Psalm and the hymns. You can use the links for the hymns to listen/sing along.

1. Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,  
your sweetest notes employ,  
the Paschal victory to hymn  
in strains of holy joy.
2. For Judah's Lion bursts his chains,  
crushing the serpent's head;  
and cries aloud through death's domains  
to wake the imprisoned dead.
3. Devouring depths of hell their prey  
at his command restore;  
his ransomed hosts pursue their way  
where Jesus goes before.
4. Triumphant in his glory now  
to him all power is given;  
to him in one communion bow  
all saints in earth and heaven.
5. While we, his soldiers, praise our King,  
his mercy we implore,  
within his palace bright to bring  
and keep us evermore.
6. All glory to the Father be,  
all glory to the Son,  
all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,  
while endless ages run.

### The Collect

Almighty Father,  
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples  
with the sight of the risen Lord:  
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,  
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life  
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### The Liturgy of the Word

**First Reading:** Acts 2.14a, 36-41

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

## Psalm 116



- 1 I love the/ Lord,  
for he has heard the voice of my /suppli-/cation;  
because he inclined his /ear to me  
on the /day I/ called to him.
- 2 The snares of death encompassed me; the pains of hell took/ hold of me;  
by grief and sorrow /was I/ held.
- 3 Then I called upon the name of the /Lord:  
'O Lord, I beg you, de-/liver my /soul.' **R**
- 10 How shall I repay the/ Lord  
for all the benefits /he has /given to me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of sal-/vation  
and call upon the /name of the /Lord.
- 12 I will fulfil my vows to the /Lord  
in the presence of /all his/ people. **R**
- 13 Precious in the sight of the /Lord  
is the death of his /faithful/ servants.
- 14 O Lord, I am your servant, :your servant, the child of your /handmaid;  
you have freed me /from my /bonds.
- 15 I will offer to you a sacrifice of /thanksgiving  
and call upon the /name of the /Lord. **R**
- 16 I will fulfil my vows to the /Lord  
in the presence of/ all his /people,
- 17 In the courts of the house of the /Lord,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. /Alle-/luia. **R**

### Second Reading: 1 Peter 1.17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

## **Gospel Reading:** Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

### **Prayers of Intercession**

***In our parish cycle of prayer:*** Sunday School and Children's Advocate and Fairley House School

***For those who live in:*** Greycoat Place and Willow Place

***As part of St Stephen's link with the Church in Myanmar:***

*The Government and people of Myanmar*

***We pray for our New York City link parish:***

*The Church of the Holy Trinity and their Rector, Revd John F. Beddingfield, praying particularly for their fellowship, hospitality and care for one another as they share in the mission of Christ.*

***In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:***

*Pray for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and The Middle East: Michael Lewis (Archbishop, and Bishop of Cyprus & the Gulf)*

*Göteborg (Sweden): Susanne Rappmann (Bishop)*

*Capital Vision 2020 Ambassadors: those working in education*

*Pray for the work of Folake Roberts (Bishop's Visitor)*

***Among those who have asked for our prayers:***

Robin Fairfax; Vera Godsall; Marian Hall; Jean Haswell; Dyfrig Jones; Alan Mack; Michael Pryce Jones; Miriam Lesmond; Pete Read; Bob Szewczyk; Henry Taylor; John Travis-Clarke; Maadimo Tlale; Gay Widmer; Anne Norman-Butler; Marian McHale; George Taylor; Amal Griffin; Christopher Hopkins; Fraser Copley and his dad, Kevin Copley; Pete Barney; Tom Robinson; Philip Chester; Dr Ben Thomas

**RIP:** Tony Walsh; Everard John; Douglas Holton; Paul Peter Gasche

**For the Years' Mind of:**

Leslie Francis Squires; Joyce Cane; Teresa Gall; John Mayatt; Lena Efford; Margaret Brown Morton Keeble

**The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

**Offertory:** [Love's Redeeming Work is Done](#)

[NEH113](#)

1 Love's redeeming work is done;  
fought the fight, the battle won:  
lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er,  
lo, he sets in blood no more.

4 Soar we now where Christ has led,  
following our exalted Head;  
made like him, like him we rise;  
ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

2 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;  
Christ has burst the gates of hell;  
death in vain forbids his rise;  
Christ has opened paradise.

5 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!  
Praise to thee by both be given:  
thee we greet triumphant now;  
hail, the Resurrection Thou!

3 Lives again our glorious King;  
where, O death, is now thy sting?  
dying once, he all doth save;  
where thy victory, O grave?

**Post Communion Prayer**

Living God,  
your Son made himself known to his disciples  
in the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**Recessional:** [Lord of the Dance](#)

[NEH375](#)

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth:  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

*Refrain:       Dance, then, wherever you may be,  
                  I am the Lord of the dance, said he,  
                  And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
                  And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,  
But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me;  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;  
They came with me and the dance went on: (R)

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame:  
The holy people said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high,  
And they left me there on a cross to die: (R)

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;  
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.  
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone;  
But I am the dance, and I still go on: (R)

They cut me down and I leapt up high;  
I am the life that'll never, never die.  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me:  
I am the Lord of the dance, said he. (R)