

Christ Church, Colchester
9.30am Morning Worship for 30th April 2023,
4th Sunday after Easter

Greeting and Welcome:

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father be with you;
And also with you.

This is the day that the Lord has made; **We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.” *Acts 2:42*

Song: Lord, I lift your name on high

Flames Sunday School: We pray for the children and leaders who go to Flames

We say sorry to God and to one another:

“Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed”. *1 Peter 2*

So, in a moment of silence, we call to mind our shortcomings, our failures, and our omissions.

We keep a short time of silence

Lord our God, in our sin we have avoided your call. Our love for you is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgment; bind up our wounds and revive us; in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From the first letter of Peter: “by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.”

May God our Father forgive us our sins, and bring us to the eternal joy of his kingdom, where death has no dominion.
Amen.

Song: I cast my mind to Calvary

Drama: “Chop Chop”

Gospel Reading

John 10:1-10

This is the Word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God**

Reflection

Song: The Lord’s my Shepherd

Our belief

Let us declare our faith in God:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers concluding with the Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Notices

***Closing Hymn:* There is a redeemer**

Closing prayer

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Let us bless the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**