



Diocese of Ely

THREE RIVERS GROUP

Chippenham, Fordham, Isleham, Kennett, Snailwell

11th April – Easter 2

Welcome to church today. We are very glad you are joining us and warmly invite all who are baptised and who are communicant members of their own church to receive Holy Communion here.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions we will distribute communion to people in their seats. Please take this notice sheet away with you at the end of service.

Collect

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father.

Amen

A reading from Exodus (14.10-end, 15.20-21)

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, 'Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, "Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians"? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.' But Moses said to the people, 'Do not be

afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the LORD will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.' The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the

army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt.' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the

Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses. Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: 'Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.'

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

**A reading from Acts of the Apostles
(4.32-35)**

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 133

1 How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!

2 It is like the precious oil on the
head, running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron, running down
over the collar of his robes.

3 It is like the dew of Hermon, which
falls on the mountains of Zion.
For there the Lord ordained his
blessing, life for evermore.

Hear the Gospel of our
Lord Jesus Christ according to
St John (20.19-end)

Glory to you O Lord

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the

mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you O Christ

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen

NEXT SUNDAY

18th April, Easter 3

9.30am Isleham – Eucharist
9.30am Snailwell – Eucharist
11am Fordham – Eucharist
11am Chippenham – Eucharist
8pm Virtual Compline

**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.**

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

**Lives again our glorious king;
where, O death, is now thy sting?
Dying once, he all doth save
where's thy victory, O grave?**

**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:**

**Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!
praise to thee by both be given;
thee we greet triumphant now;
Hail the resurrection Thou!
Alleluia! Amen!**

NOTICES

Sunday Evening Service – 8pm

A quiet service to round off Sunday, open to all. Is there someone new you'd like to invite to this? The Zoom session will open from 7.30 to allow people to chat beforehand, and worship will start at 8pm (Meeting ID: 810 1509 1842). This week it is Celtic Night Prayer

APCM

We will hold this online on Monday 17th May. Churchwardens will be elected after services on the 16th May.

Intercessions:

Funeral (attendance by invitation only)

Shirley Blythe (Fordham)

West Suffolk Crem, 11.30am 6th April

Betty Timmins (Kennett)

West Suffolk Crem, 3.00pm 21st April

Weddings:

David Poulter & Flora Collingwood

Monday 5th April 11am Fordham

Craig Meekham & Jackie Crane

Saturday 17th April 3pm, Snailwell

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