

**Easter Sunday**

**Risen Lord:**

We raise up to You for all those affected by darkness within broken relationships, the abused and marginalized. Lift up their hearts towards your loving grace, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Risen Lord:**

O God the Father of lights, from whom comes every good and perfect gift: mercifully look upon our frailty and infirmity, and grant us the health of body and mind that you know we need; that both in our bodies and souls we may evermore serve you with all our strength and might; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Collects for Easter Day:**

Lord of all life and power, who through the death and 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 You and the Holy Spirit be praise and honor, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

God of glory, by the raising of Your Son You have broken the chains of death and hell: fill Your church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and way to life stands open in our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**15** Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?” Because she thought he was the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will take him.” **16** Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni” (which means “Teacher”).

John 20: 15-16

**Prayer Letter**

**9th April 2023**



**Paschal Sticheron**: It is the day of Resurrection; let us be radiant for the festival and let us embrace one another. Let us say, brethren, even to those that hate us, ‘Let us forgive all things on the Resurrection’, and so let us cry, ‘Christ has risen from the dead: by death he has trampled on death, and to those in the graves given life’

***Risen Lord hear us as we pray,***

**For unity in your church,** that Your ministers remain disciples of the Word, and cure souls by the application of Your Truth.

**That those in power and authority** are blessed by Your wisdom and mercy.

**For emergency workers,** that they be protected against evil and strengthened to defend Your people.

**For all your Christians in Blackpool,** that they spread forth the joy of Your resurrection and strike confidently against the darkness of death and sin.

**Amen.**



***Risen Lord hear us as we pray,***

**For all our church leaders,** Including Reverend David, his immediate family Alison and Joshua, our bishops Philip and Jill, and our archdeacons Mark and David.

**For Steve and Lisa,** as they minister to Your many sons and daughters throughout Blackpool and the Diocese and, through Life Association, India.

**For Your young people,** that they be defended from darkness and drawn into Your light.

**For Thomas** as he continues his placement here and elsewhere in Blackpool.

**And for those visiting the church for the first time,** that they may know the joy of Your resurrection.

***Risen Lord hear us as we pray,***

**The Celebration of Easter Day:**

Almighty God, who through thine only begotten Son Jesus Christ, hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: we humbly beseech thee, that, as by thy special grace preserving us, thou dost put into our mind’s good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring those same desires to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**For those who cannot celebrate Your risen Son,** Your people in troubled places and areas of persecution, where the righteous worship of You is punished and denied. We pray especially for those in who face violence as a consequence of discipleship, against themselves or those whom they love. Protect and preserve them against such injustice and direct Your judgement against those whose hearts have hardened against You. Amen.

**For those who do not know You,** that by the amazing death and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, those who do know or recognize Your graceful love, nor understand the truth of Your Word, may be inspired by Your awesome power over life and death to be made curios about You. Bless and preserve those in the journey of knowing You, against all perils and dangers of temptation, that they may remain steadfast in their longing for You. Finally, we pray for the wisdom and patience of Your servants who confess to know and love You, that they may be righteously guided in leading Your sons and daughters through faith to You. Amen.

 