

# **St Mary Magdalene, Geddington and St Mary the Virgin, Weekley**



**Dawn Service**

*Welcome*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,  
to you be glory and praise for ever.  
Your steadfast love extends to the heavens  
and your faithfulness never ceases.  
Illuminate our hearts with your wisdom  
and strengthen our lives with your word,  
for you are the fountain of life;  
in your light we see true light.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

*Blessing of the new fire*

Eternal God,  
giver of light and life,  
bless this new flame  
that by its radiance and warmth  
we may respond to your love and grace,  
and be set free from all that separates us  
from you and from each other;  
through Jesus Christ,  
the Sun of Righteousness. **Amen**

*First Reading*

*Hymn*      Thine be the glory

Thine be the glory, risen conqu'ring Son  
Endless is the vict'ry, Thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
Kept the folded grave-clothes where Thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen conqu'ring Son  
Endless is the vict'ry, Thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo, Jesus meet us, risen from the tomb!  
Lovingly He greet us, scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

*Thine be the glory, risen conqu'ring Son  
Endless is the vict'ry, Thou o'er death hast won.*

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;  
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

*Thine be the glory, risen conqu'ring Son  
Endless is the vict'ry, Thou o'er death hast won.*

*Resurrection—The Light Bursts Forth*

Christ yesterday and today,  
**the beginning and the end,**  
Alpha and Omega,  
all time belongs to him,  
and all ages;  
**to him be glory and power,**  
**through every age and for ever. Amen.**

*As the vertical of the cross is traced the president says*

Christ yesterday and today,

*As the horizontal is traced the president says*

the beginning and the end,

*As the Alpha is traced*

Alpha

*As the Omega is traced*

and Omega,

*As the first number of the year is traced the president says*

all time belongs to him,

*As the second number is traced*

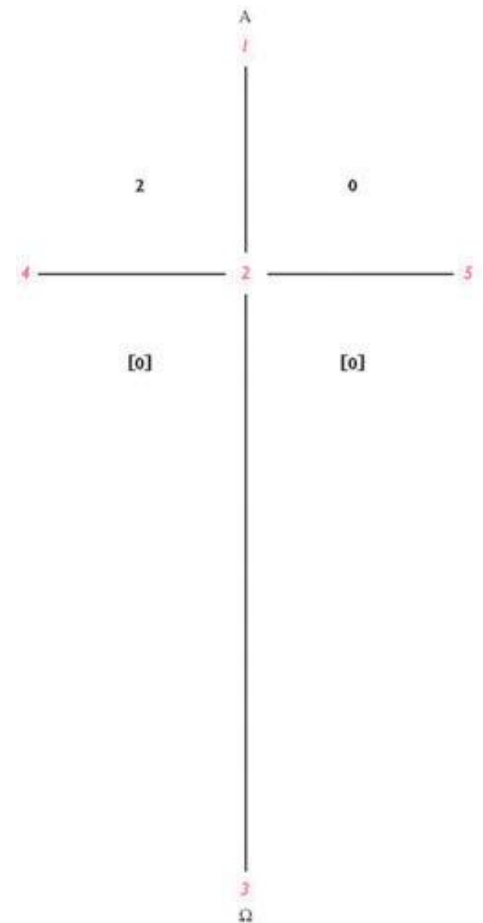
and all ages;

*As the third number is traced*

to him be glory and power,

*As the fourth number is traced*

through every age and for ever. **Amen**



*As each is inserted, the president says (moving from top to bottom of the wounds and then each hand)*

1  
By his holy

4  
guard us

2  
and glorious  
wounds

5  
and keep us.

3  
may Christ  
our Lord

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ was raised gloriously from the dead, crushing the power of sin and destroying the sting of death. Throughout the world Christians celebrate the mighty power of God as Christ calls us out of darkness to share in his marvellous light. May we, and all Christ's people, shine as lights in the world to the glory of God the Father.

The light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

Eternal God,  
who made this most holy night  
to shine with the brightness of your one true light,  
set us aflame with the fire of your love,  
and bring us to the radiance of your heavenly glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.      **Amen**

'Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia'.**

*Gospel*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N.*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So, she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!'

So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped round Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. Finally, the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) Then the disciples went back to where they were staying. John 20.1-10

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Hymn*      Jesus Christ is risen today

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heavenly king, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured, Alleluia!  
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!

## *An Easter Prayer*

Almighty God, our Father,  
you have redeemed us by the death  
and resurrection of your only Son Jesus Christ,  
and given us your Holy Spirit  
that we may be your witnesses in the world:  
banish the powers of darkness and sin  
from the minds of those who refuse  
to believe in your name and open their hearts to your gospel,  
that they may believe in you  
and become temples of your Holy Spirit.  
Grant also that we who believe in you  
may be effective ministers of your Word  
to those whose lives have not been touched by your saving  
grace. We make this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ who  
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God for ever and ever. **Amen**

## *The Lord's Prayer*

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive  
those who sin against us.  
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**

## *Blessing*

The God of peace,  
who through the resurrection  
of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
has given us the victory,  
give you joy and peace in your faith,  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

## *Dismissal*

He is not here. He is risen.  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.  
**In the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.**



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