

### Today's hymns

Entrance	153	Now the green blade riseth
Gradual	159	The strife is o'er
Offertory	149	Light's glittering morn (part one vv 1-4 and doxology vv 12-13)
Final	162	Ye choirs of New Jerusalem

### Welcome

Today we welcome and thank the Venerable Colin Williams, who is leading our worship and chairing our annual meeting.

### Evening Prayer and Bible study this week

Evening Prayer and Bible study at All Saints in Cologne take place at 6pm to 6.30pm (Evening Prayer) and 6.30pm to 7.30pm (Bible study) this Friday. All are welcome.

### Sponsored walk in Bonn this Saturday

This Saturday, do join in our sponsored walk from Mehlem to Beuel with the theme "Walking 175 years of worship in Bonn". Sponsorship forms are now available at church. You can walk the whole route or just a part of it. Or, if you'd prefer not to walk, can you sponsor someone? All money raised will go to the Heart Cushion project. Contact Helen Rensmann for more information: 0228 214412.

### Chaplaincy pilgrimage

Unfortunately the chaplaincy pilgrimage walk from Amöneburg to Fulda (10th to 13th May) will now not be taking place.

### Book sale

Watch this space for details of the St. Boniface second-hand book sale in Bonn in May. If you would like to get involved, see the Bonn churchwardens.

### Weekly sheet

If you have any notices for this weekly sheet, please contact Jenny Knudsen on 0228 94693999 or e-mail: [notices@anglicanbonncologne.de](mailto:notices@anglicanbonncologne.de). The deadline is 9am on Wednesday morning for the following Sunday.

**Are you new to Bonn or Cologne, or to this church? For up to date information, follow us on Facebook/Twitter and visit our website. To be added to the mailing list, let us have your contact details.**

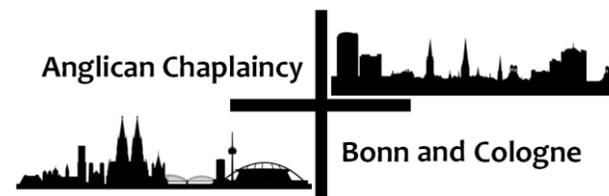
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### WELCOME

*Welcome to Sunday worship, especially if you are joining us for the first time. Please stay for a pot-luck lunch after our service and meeting today.*

### Sunday 23rd April 2017 Second Sunday of Easter

President and preacher:  
The Venerable Colin Williams

### Collect for today

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.**

### First reading – Acts 2.14a,22-32 Peter Addresses the Crowd

<sup>14</sup>On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: <sup>22</sup>You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know — <sup>23</sup>this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. <sup>24</sup>But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. <sup>25</sup>For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; <sup>26</sup> therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;

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moreover, my flesh will live in hope. <sup>27</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. <sup>28</sup>You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence." <sup>29</sup>Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup>Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup>Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, "He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption." <sup>32</sup>This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.'

### **Psalm 16**

Preserve me, O God, for in you have I taken refuge;  
I have said to the Lord, 'You are my lord,  
all my good depends on you.'

**All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble in heart.**

Though the idols are legion that many run after,  
their drink offerings of blood I will not offer,  
neither make mention of their names upon my lips.

**The Lord himself is my portion and my cup;  
in your hands alone is my fortune.**

My share has fallen in a fair land;  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

**I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel,  
and in the night watches he instructs my heart.**

I have set the Lord always before me;  
he is at my right hand; I shall not fall.

**Wherefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices;  
my flesh also shall rest secure.**

For you will not abandon my soul to Death,  
nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.

**You will show me the path of life;  
in your presence is the fullness of joy  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

### **Second reading – 1 Peter 1.3-9**

#### **A Living Hope**

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, even if now for a little

while you have had to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the genuineness of your faith — being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire — may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup>Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup>for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

### **Gospel reading – John 20.19-31**

#### **Jesus Appears to the Disciples**

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>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.'

<sup>26</sup>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.' <sup>27</sup>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.' <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' <sup>29</sup>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.'

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>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.

#### **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.**