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Your Weekly News from St Leonard's & St Mary's
Sunday 24th April 2022 Easter Week 2

Peace be with you.

In this second week of Easter as the war and conflict continues in Ukraine we are reminded of some of Jesus' earliest resurrection appearances. Jesus just didn't appear once but appeared many times over the next 40 days, to show, to encourage and embed into his disciples the truth that he was indeed alive and that he had defeated death so that we could all be at peace with God.

This peace of Christ is not a worldly peace that is anxiously held between to opposing bodies that can be broken in an instant but a peace that can underpin what we do and how we live as we look towards the future. A secure peace founded on the love of God for you. There will sadly still be times of great challenge. Times when our peace is rocked but we are to trust in the one who has overcome and won the battle of life over death for us.

Jesus says in John 16 v 33 "I have told you these things, so that you can have peace because of me. In this world you will have trouble. But be encouraged! I have won the battle over the world."

Be encouraged dear friends that the battle is won, the resurrection of Christ proclaims that there is new life, new hope and a peace with God that will last.

We persevere with our prayers for the Ukraine

God of peace and justice,

we pray for the people of Ukraine today.

We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

We pray for those with power over war or peace.

for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them and hear their hearts cry.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of peace. Amen



Welcome

Grace and peace to you from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Collect for Purity

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration
of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

HYMN 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 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!

Confession and Absolution

God is love and we are his children.
There is no room for fear in love.
We love because he loved us first.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence

**God our Father, we confess to you
and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and in what we have failed to do.**

**We are truly sorry. Forgive us our sins,
and deliver us from the power of evil,
for the sake of your Son who died for us,
Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

God, who is both power and love, forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit, and raise us to new life
in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Kyrie

**Kyrie, Kyrie, eleison
Christe, Christe, eleison
Kyrie, Kyrie, eleison.**

Gloria

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo !
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!**

Collect of the day

**Almighty and eternal God,
the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt,
may we, who have not seen, have faith
and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.**

Reading Revelation 1 v 4-8

I, John, am writing this letter.

I am sending it to the seven churches in Asia Minor.

May grace and peace come to you from God. He is the one who is, and who was, and who will come. May grace and peace come to you from the seven spirits. These spirits are in front of God's throne. May grace and peace come to you from Jesus Christ. He is the faithful witness, so what he has shown can be trusted. He was the first to rise from the dead. He rules over the kings of the earth.

Glory and power belong to Jesus Christ who loves us! He has set us free from our sins by pouring out his blood for us. He has made us members of his royal family. He has made us priests who serve his God and Father. Glory and power belong to Jesus Christ for ever and ever! Amen.

"Look! He is coming with the clouds!"

"Every eye will see him.

Even those who pierced him will see him."

All the nations of the earth "will mourn because of him."

This will happen! Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord God. "I am the God who is, and who was, and who will come. I am the Mighty One."

Gradual JESUS, STAND AMONG US

In Thy risen power;
Let this time of worship
Be a hallowed hour.

Breathe the Holy Spirit
Into every heart;
Bid the fears and sorrows
From each soul depart.

Thus with quickened footsteps
We pursue our way,
Watching for the dawning
Of eternal day.

Gospel *Hear the Gospel of our Lord according to John*
Glory to Christ our Saviour.

John 20 v19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, the disciples were together. They had locked the doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Jesus came in and stood among them. He said, "peace be with you!" Then he showed them his hands and his side.

The disciples were very happy when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, "peace be with you! The Father has sent me. So now I am sending you." He then breathed on them. He said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Thomas was not with the other disciples when Jesus came. So they told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "First I must see the nail marks in his hands. I must put my finger where the nails were. I must put my hand into his side. Only then will I believe."

A week later, Jesus' disciples were in the house again. Thomas was with them. Even though the doors were locked, Jesus came in and stood among them. He said, "peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here. See my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen me but still have believed."

Jesus performed many other signs in front of his disciples. They are not written down in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God. If you believe this, you will have life because you belong to him.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Sermon

Hymn

HE IS LORD, HE IS LORD,

He is risen from the dead
and he is Lord.

Ev'ry knee shall bow
Ev'ry tongue confess,
That Jesus Christ is Lord.

See his hands, See his side,
See his body bruised and broken
for our pride.

On such love we gaze
and with voices praise,
He reigns in glory now!

He is Lord, he is Lord,
He is risen from the dead
and he is Lord.

Ev'ry knee shall bow
Ev'ry tongue confess,
That Jesus Christ is Lord.

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one substance with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son, he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Intercessions

*Prayer is offered for the world and its people,
for those who suffer and those in need,
for the church and its members.*

Peace We meet in Christ's name.
Let us share his peace.

Hymn **JESUS IS LORD! CREATION'S VOICE PROCLAIMS IT,**
for by his power each tree and flower was planned and made.
Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it -
sun, moon and stars in heaven cry: 'Jesus is Lord!'

Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord!
Praise him with alleluias, for Jesus is Lord.

Jesus is Lord! Yet from his throne eternal
in flesh he came to die in pain on Calvary's tree.
Jesus is Lord! From him all life proceeding -
yet gave his life a ransom thus setting us free.

Jesus is Lord! O'er sin the mighty conqueror;
from death he rose and all his foes shall own his name.
Jesus is Lord! God sends his Holy Spirit
to show by works of power that Jesus is Lord.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Let us present our offerings to the Lord.

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory,
the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in
heaven and on earth is yours.**

All things come from you, and of your own we give you.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, Author of all being.

Your power sustains, your love restores, our broken world.

You are unceasingly at work from chaos bringing order
and filling emptiness with life.

Christ, raised from the dead, proclaims the dawn of hope,

He lives in us that we may walk in light.

**Your Spirit is fire in us, your breath is power
to purge our sin and warm our hearts to love.**

As children of your redeeming purpose,

freed by him who burst from the tomb and opened the gate of life,

we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels

and the whole company of heaven,

singing the hymn of your unending glory:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory,

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Praise and thanksgiving be to you, Lord of all,
for by the Cross eternal life is ours
and death is swallowed up in victory.

**In the first light of Easter glory broke from the tomb
and changed the women's sorrow into joy.
From the Garden the mystery dawned
that he whom they had loved and lost is with us now
in every place for ever.**

Making himself known in the breaking of the bread,
speaking peace to the fearful disciples,
welcoming weary fishers on the shore,
he renewed the promise of his presence,
and of new birth in the Spirit
who sets the seal of freedom on your sons and daughters.

Before he was given up to suffering and death,
recalling the night of Israel's release,
the night in which slaves walked free,
at supper with his disciples he broke the bread,
and gave it to them, saying:
'Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you.'

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks,
and gave it to them saying:

'Drink this, all of you.

This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all,
that sins may be forgiven.

Do this in remembrance of me.'

**We now obey your Son's command.
We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts
and with them ourselves,
a single, holy, living sacrifice.**

Hear us, most merciful Father,
and send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and this wine,
that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

**Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love
until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage
in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles and prophets,
and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you,
Lord of all ages, world without end.

Amen.

The living bread is broken for the life of the world
Lord, unite us in this sign.

As our saviour taught us so we pray

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.**

Thy Kingdom come.

**Thy will be done on earth,
as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.**

Amen.

Communion

Those who wish to receive communion are welcomed to come forward

*You may choose to receive only bread
or to take both elements of bread and wine.*

*As an alternative to receiving communion
you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Prayer after Communion

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious.
And his mercy endures for ever.

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen

Hymn

TO GOD BE THE GLORY! great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son;
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son:
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our worship, when Jesus we see!

Dismissal Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord

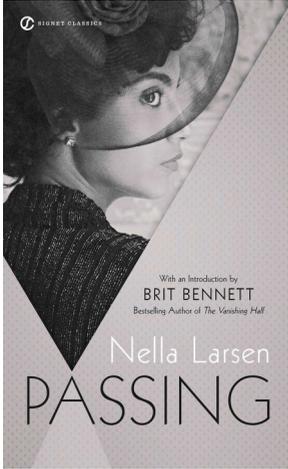
In the name of Christ.

Amen

The Link Book Group



Our latest venture was “Passing”
by Nella Larsen.



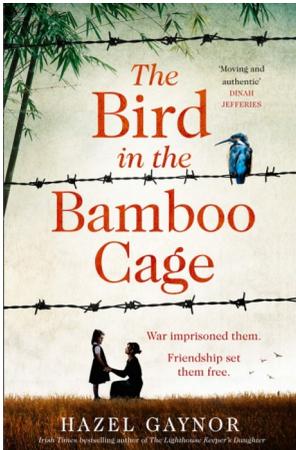
The two main characters were light-skinned Afro-Americans. Irene Redfield is a woman with an enviable life-style which she enjoys with Brian her husband and her two sons. But everything changes dramatically on the day she encounters a long-lost childhood friend. Claire Kendry tells Irene how she left behind the black neighbourhood of her adolescence and began passing herself off for a white girl. Hence the reason the book is called “Passing”. Concealing her true identity everyone including her extremely racist husband considers her to be white.

Interestingly this novel was based on the life of the author and was written in 1929 in Harlem, New York. The author is regarded as a writer of what became known as the Harlem Renaissance. The story ends in tragedy as Claire’s husband finds out about her true identity.

The Book Group found that this book tied in well with our previous book “This Lovely City” and emphasised the racial tensions which sadly still exist today. Our next book is “The Bird in the Bamboo Cage” by Hazel Gaynor which we will be bring you a summary of in our next news update.

John Fleming

(The editorial Team would like to apologies to John for not including the Link Book News sooner)





Saturday 30th April

2-4pm

St Mary's Dalkeith

All of us are unique and special in the eyes of God who calls us into his special family "the Church". What is the Church? and What is it for? What part can you play within it? All our gifts, abilities, time and resources can be used within a great family working together to help each other and the community around us. Now what is your gift?

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Platinum Jubilee Celebration June 3-5th , 2022



Join in with the celebrations

Flower Festival of Thanksgiving

Friday 3rd — Sunday 5th June

St Leonard's Church 10am — 4pm

Platinum Jubilee Afternoon Tea

St Mary's Saturday 4th June 2.30pm to 4pm

Platinum Jubilee Garden Party

Sunday 5th June, 1pm at St Leonard's

These events are Free and open to everyone



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