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St Mary

16th April 2023 Second Sunday of Easter

The Easter acclamation

We meet in Christ name: Alleluia! Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Songs CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS,

the Lamb upon His throne; Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own! Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee, And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save: His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high, Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of love; behold His hands and side, Those wounds yet visible above in beauty glorified: No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight, But downward bends His burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of peace, whose power a sceptre sways From pole to pole, that wars may cease, And all be prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end, and round His piercèd feet Fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time, Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime! All hail, Redeemer, hail! for Thou hast died for me; Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

Prayer of Confession

Risen Lord your death and resurrection remind us of the price you paid to set us free from the curse of sin and death.

Hear us as we confess our sin, and once more seek your mercy and forgiveness.

Lord 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.**

The Collect

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. Amen

Reading from 1 Peter 1.3-9

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade.

This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith – of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire, may result in praise, glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Hymn MEEKNESS AND MAJESTY, manhood and Deity,

In perfect harmony, the Man who is God. Lord of eternity dwells in humanity, Kneels in humility and washes our feet.

> O what a mystery, meekness and majesty. Bow down and worship for this is your God, This is your God.

Father's pure radiance, perfect in innocence, Yet learns obedience to death on a cross. Suffering to give us life, conquering through sacrifice, And as they crucify prays: 'Father forgive.'

Wisdom unsearchable, God the invisible, Love indestructible in frailty appears. Lord of infinity, stooping so tenderly, Lifts our humanity to the heights of His throne.

The Gospel John 20.19-31

Alleluia, hear the Good News of our risen Lord Glory to Christ our Saviour, hallelujah

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, 'Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.' And with that he breathed on them and 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.'

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord!' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and 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 and yet have believed.'

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name..

At end: give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel **Praise to Christ our Lord.**

Sermon

Song GIVE THANKS with a grateful heart.

Give thanks to the Holy One. Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks to the Holy One. Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

And now let the weak say 'I am strong,'
Let the poor say 'I am rich,'
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
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Let the poor say 'I am rich,'
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks.

Intercessions

The Peace

As the risen Lord appeared to his disciples and said, Peace be with you. May The peace of the Lord be always with you and also with you.

Let us share his peace

Hymn JESUS, WHERE'ER YOUR PEOPLE MEET,

there they behold your mercy seat; where'er they seek you, you are found, and ev'ry place is hallowed ground.

For you, within no walls confined, are dwelling in the humble mind; such ever bring you where they come, and going, take you to their home.

Dear Shepherd of your chosen few, your former mercies here renew; here to our waiting hearts proclaim the sweetness of your saving name.

Here may we prove the pow'r of pray'r to strengthen faith and sweeten care, to teach our faint desires to rise, and bring all heav'n before our eyes.

Lord, we are few, but you are near; nor short your arm, nor deaf your ear; O rend the heav'ns, come quickly down, and make a thousand hearts your own.

Offering

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.

Eucharistic Prayer

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

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, they may be to us the body and blood of your redeeming love, and that 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.

Breaking the Bread

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

Lord's Prayer

As Christ has taught us so we pray

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and for ever.
Amen.

Distribution of Communion

Everyone is invited to receive communion or a blessing at this time.

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 for us the gate of glory.

Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other; through Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen

Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May God the Father, who raised his son from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and always.

Amen.

Hymn GO FORTH AND TELL! O Church of God, awake!

God's saving news to all the nations take: Proclaim Christ Jesus, Saviour, Lord and King, That all the world His worthy praise may sing.

Go forth and tell! God's love embraces all; He will in grace respond to all who call: How shall they call if they have never heard The gracious invitation of His word?

Go forth and tell where still the darkness lies, In wealth or want, the sinner surely dies; Give us, O Lord, concern of heart and mind, A love like Yours, compassionate and kind. Go forth and tell! The doors are open wide: Share God's good gifts – let no one be denied; Live out your life as Christ your Lord shall choose, Your ransomed powers for His sole glory use.

Go forth and tell! O church of God, arise! Go in the strength which Christ your Lord supplies; Go till all nations His great name adore And serve Him, Lord and King forever more.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen!

Bishop's Lent Appeal 2023

There is still time to make a donation to this years Bishop's Lent Appeal. Donation can be placed in an enveloped and marked Lent Appeal and then placed in our offering bowl. For those with Lent Boxes we give a gentle reminder asking you to return them before the end of April please.

Thank You



Curry Night with the Lads

We are planning the first of these events to be a Men's Curry Night at the Itihaas Indian Restaurant in Dalkeith. So lad's we are looking for your feedback and support to guide us on the most suitable night out of the following choices Friday April 28th, May 12th or May 19th.

A Sign up sheet will be available at the back of church for those who are interested. Please indicated your preferred date choice to help us settle on the best night for most of us.

Happy Easter from the Raichevs and other Ukrainian Families

The Raichevs continue to live happily in Croft Street, Dalkeith very near King's Park where the children attend school. Tetiana works as a cleaner 3 days a week in the Holiday Inn, Corstorphine, where the family initially stayed. She continues to attend English classes in Edinburgh. Hennadii's English and his medical condition limits where he can work but he is being helped with his English by Kathleen Donald. Misha attends football training with Bonnyrigg Rose and Alina continues her usual happy smiling way in life. Needless to say, they are very grateful for all the support from our churches.

Tetiana's sister and niece, Alla and Nastya, managed to find a host in Abbey Road, Dalkeith and they moved there in early March. Sadly both have injuries to their shoulder and elbow respectively and are "one handed" which limits their ability to find work. Nastya attends Dalkeith High School. Alla is keen to go to church and I pick her up on Sundays.

We have quite a Ukrainian group now at St. Leonard's as we have Nadja (Pauline Jones' Ukrainian guest's mother who stays with Alison Bruce), as well as Katya our new keyboard player, her daughter and grandson. Katya is classically trained and gives wonderful renditions on both electric piano and organ. We are extremely glad the latter is being played as our last organist left and we thought our organ would never be used again. Our thanks to Derek Law for introducing Katya to the Organ.



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