



*Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again!*

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St Leonard's & St Mary's
**A Celebration of the Ascension,
Sunday 21st May 2023**



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14 - 20 May 2023

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Gospel Word Search for Ascension

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Words of Welcome

The Easter acclamation

We meet in Christ name:

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

This is the day that the Lord has made

Let us rejoice and be glad in it

Hymn **PRAISE HIM, PRAISE HIM!** Jesus our blessed Redeemer;
Sing, O earth, His wonderful love proclaim!
Hail Him, hail Him! highest archangels in glory,
Strength and honour give to His holy name.
Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard His children,
In His arms He carries them all day long;

Praise Him, Praise Him!
tell of his excellent greatness
Praise Him, Praise Him!
ever in joyful song

Praise Him, praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer;
For our sins He suffered and bled and died.
He, our Rock, our hope of eternal salvation,
Hail Him, hail Him! Jesus the Crucified.
Sound his praises – Jesus who bore our sorrows,
Love unbounded, wonderful deep and strong.

Praise Him, praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer;
Heavenly portals loud with hosannas ring!
Jesus, Saviour, reigneth for ever and ever,
Crown Him, crown Him! Prophet and Priest and King!
Christ is coming over the world victorious
Power and glory unto the Lord belong.

Prayer of Confession

With faith in your great love O Lord, we declare:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen
Christ will come again**

Therefore hear us as we confess our sin
and seek mercy and forgiveness
from the one who sits on heavens throne.

**Lord God 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.**

Risen and ascended Lord,
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by your Spirit,
and raise us to new life,
through your own resurrection and ascension. Amen

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

The Collect

**Almighty God,
your Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord.
Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole of creation to worship at his feet,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen**

Reading from Acts 1:1-11

In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.

After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.

On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: 'Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptised with water, but in a few days you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Then they gathered round him and asked him, 'Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He said to them: 'It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'

After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. 'Men of Galilee,' they said, 'why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.'

Hymn

MAJESTY, worship His majesty,

Unto Jesus be glory, honour and praise.

Majesty, kingdom authority,

Flow from His throne,

unto His own, His anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus,

Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the King.

Majesty, worship His majesty,

Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

The Gospel Luke 24: 44-53

Alleluia, hear the Good News of our risen Lord according to Luke
Glory to Christ our Saviour, alleluia!

Jesus said to them, 'This is what I told you while I was still with you: everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.' Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.

He told them, 'This is what is written: the Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'

When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven.

There they worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

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

Sermon

Intercessions

The Peace

As the risen Lord shared his peace with his disciples,
let us continue in his name to share his peace with each other.

The Peace of the Lord be with you.
and also with you.

Let us share His peace

Hymn

KING OF KINGS, MAJESTY,

God of Heaven living in me,
Gentle Saviour, closest Friend,
Strong Deliverer, beginning and end.
All within me falls at Your throne,
Your Majesty, I can but bow,
I lay my all before You now.
In royal robes, I don't deserve.
I live to serve Your Majesty.

Earth and heaven worship You,
Love eternal, faithful and true,
Who bought the nations, ransomed souls,
Brought this sinner near to Your throne.
All within me cries out in praise!
Your Majesty, I can but bow,
I lay my all before You now.
In royal robes, I don't deserve.
I live to serve Your Majesty.

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.

Amen

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 took bread and offered you thanks
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,
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.

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.

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

Eternal Giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom.

Strengthen us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Christ our king make you faithful and strong
to do his will, that you may reign with him in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Hymn

THINE BE THE GLORY, risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory 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, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won!*

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

No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life;
Life is naught without Thee: aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conquerors, through Thy deathless love;
Lead us in Thy triumph to Thy home above.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen!

*We warmly invite you to stay with us for a time of
fellowship and refreshments*

Begin with a Child...



At our last Café Church we hosted two guest speakers from Compassion UK who inspired and updated us on the work of the charity seeking to relieve poverty in the lives of poor communities through sponsoring a Child. We are delighted that some of you signed up as individual sponsors and look forward to hearing about your sponsored child in the days and months to come. The Vestry of St Leonard's reviewing our missional giving have agreed to sponsor a child on behalf of the church.

This is MAGHLA.

She is 5 and lives in south Bangladesh. The nearest big city is Khulna. She speaks Bangla and attends a Compassion project which supplies her with a basic education, necessary nutrition including 5 meals per week and medical support if she needs it. Specialists will visit Maghla at home every month and also give emotional and spiritual support to her and her family. on your behalf St. Leonard's donates £28 pm towards Maghla's care. Please remember Maghla in your prayers.

UKRAINIAN UPDATE.

Our Ukrainian families children are looking forward to the more sunny brighter days of Summer. A bike has been donated for Misha and so we are now on the lookout for a Bike for 7 year old Alina. She was donated a Scooter which is great fun but really wants a bike to catch up with Misha.

Can you help or know someone with a bike they are happy to donate. Thank You
speak to Vicki Clark for more info.



We Need Your Help



Summer Fair & BBQ

Saturday 3rd June

The Summer Fair is nearly on us and now is the time for all of us to step up and work together to create the best fair yet. We need your help.

Yes even you, even if its just for 20 minutes to give a stall holder a break for cuppa. Or maybe you could come early and help us set up the church and grounds. There are Gazebos to erect, tables to move and other tasks. Likewise at the end of the day it will all need packed away after the buzz and excitement of a busy day at the fair.

Bakers are baking, crafters are crafting and Tombola Tom is labelling up prizes and your donations of cakes, craft items or Tombola prizes are all welcome. If you can bring your goods on the morning of the Fair and if you have Tombola donations please consider getting these to Tom in advance. Contact the Church Office as we are happy to collect if needed.

Ladies Afternoon Tea

Carberry Hotel 10th June

NOW FULLY BOOKED

We have had a wonderful response form the ladies of the church and now fully booked for our Afternoon Tea. All on email should have received a notification about allergies if your not on email or did not receive one please speak to Alison or Fiona regarding any concerns.



Messy May

27th May 4-6pm @ StM's

Messy Church invites you to come and join in the fun and celebration of life. Do email us to let us know you are coming. Thank You

Vestry Summary from St Leonard's

St Leonard's Vestry usually meets on the second Wednesday of the month.

1. Church administration. We continue to give thanks to Fiona for the additional support that she has been giving to the Vestry.
2. Ukrainian update is done by Vicki Clark in Connect every few months and we welcome new Ukrainians – Nadja, Alla and Anastasia.
3. Beacon of Hope has continued to offer a warm space on a Monday morning and Alison Bruce and Neil Stewart are there to chat. But you can come and just sit quietly.
4. We are looking to develop both the church and hall buildings but will need to do this in stages. Firstly the church needs a new heating system and we have been looking at alternatives include better insulation as well as air source heat pumps and secondary glazing. We will be seeking to apply for grants to help with costs. The hall replacement is on hold but it is still our desire once the church is refurbished to continue with the building of a new hall.
5. Treasurer's report reveals that our accounts are healthy thanks to William with Tom advising where necessary.
6. Property : The area for the tree of remembrance is being prepared and the tree should be planted soon. Slates will be replaced, repointing work done and Smart Water (an anti-theft liquid) applied to dissuade lead being stolen from the property.
7. Electric car loan: St. Leonard's is happy to proceed with this after considering the ecological benefits and comparing the costings of the current costs to the Rector and Church. This will be done in partnership with St Mary's
8. Youth : Messy church continues to go well on the last Saturday of the Month. The Youth Fellowship also continue to meet regularly and are now supported with a newly appointed CofS Youth Worker.
9. Covid restrictions are being lifted. When required we shall return to using two chalices. Hand Sanitisers will still be made available.
10. Charities: Our year of supporting the Mercy Ship's Chaplain, Annie Naish, is over and we shall instead support Compassion and St. David's Bradbury Community Centre in Newtongrange where some of our members attend or did in the past.

Vestry Summary from St Mary's

St Mary's Vestry usually meets on the second Sunday of the month.

1. Heathack— we considered the results of the recent Heathack survey. In the short term to better control our current heating and boiler we will be looking to install and optimiser control unit and thermostat. The Café area of the church is our main place for meetings and we will be looking to install modern infra-red heating for this area. This should allow us to use the space without heating the whole building. Longer term we will be looking at replacement heating systems and applying for Eco-grants to off set some of the costs.
2. New Hall—We discussed the current situation of the hall and agreed that our current priority is focusing on better use of our existing church building and to revue the hall plans in the new year.
3. Treasurer's report reveals that our accounts are healthy and although concern was expressed about rising cost for energy these are being met. Fiona was thanked for her endeavours in sorting out the bills. It was highlighted that our giving had dropped over this past year possibly linked to the passing away of some key congregational members. We will seek to encourage regular giving where possible.
4. Property : The gutters both at the Church and Tolbooth have been cleaned. Consideration is being given to the installation of 3 Phase Electrical System. Tolbooth Windows and exterior needs some attention. Rectory decoration and carpeting of living room.
5. Electric car: Discussion about the EV continued and clarification was sought regarding the decision previously made at the joint Vestry. We took a fresh look at the current costing to the Church and cost overall to the Rector as well as considering the environmental benefit to the church as we seek to reduce our carbon foot print. The Vestry unanimously agreed to go ahead with the proposal noting that there would be an ongoing monthly cost but this would be offset against the Rector no longer claiming a mileage allowance.
6. Reports form other groups where received with thanks and the work of the new Social Committee highlighted as we seek to encourage deepening of fellowship as well as raising funds together.
7. Our next meeting will be a joint meeting of Vestry of both churches on Sunday 28th May.

Summer Fair & BBQ

Saturday 3rd June

10am– 2pm

St Mary's Dalkeith

Craft Stalls, Home baking,
Plant Sale, Tombola and more



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