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*St Leonard's & St Mary's*  
Third Sunday of Easter  
14th April 24

SEE WHAT GREAT

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THE FATHER  
HAS LAVISHED ON US,

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THAT WE SHOULD BE CALLED

CHILDREN OF

GOD

AND THAT IS WHAT WE ARE

(see 1 John 3:1)

## The Easter acclamation

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Hymn

**ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA,**

Give thanks to the risen Lord,

Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth,  
He is the King of creation.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth,  
Jesus has died and has risen.

We have been crucified with Christ,  
Now we shall live forever.

God has proclaimed the just reward,  
Life for all men, alleluia!

Come let us praise the living God,  
Joyfully sing to our Saviour.

## Confession & Absolution

God so loved the world that he gave his Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die, but will have eternal life. Therefore let us confess our sins in penitence and with faith in the risen Lord:

**Risen Lord who meets with us today, we confess that we have sinned and not loved as you would have us love. Have mercy upon us and renew us with your forgiveness and amazing grace.**

God who has raised Christ from the dead, accepts the atonement made for our sins. He forgives us and frees us from our sin, he heals and restores us by His Spirit, and raises us with Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**Gloria**      **Gloria, Gloria, In excelsis Deo**  
**Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia**

## **The Collect**

**Almighty God, your Son made himself known  
to his disciples in the breaking of bread.  
Open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in his redeeming work,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen**

## **Reading from    1 John 3.1-7**

See what great love the Father has lavished on us,  
that we should be called children of God!  
And that is what we are!  
The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.

Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

**Hymn      HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US,**  
How vast beyond all measure,  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss –  
The Father turns His face away,  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many souls to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,  
My sin upon His shoulders;  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life –  
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer;  
But this I know with all my heart –  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

## The Gospel Luke 24.36—48

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

While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.”

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence.

He 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."

*Alleluia give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel  
Alleluia we give praise to Christ our Lord.*

## Sermon

## Prayers of Intercessions

## The Peace

As the risen Lord stood among his disciples he shared his peace with them and said, "Peace be with you."

May the peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

**Hymn**      **HERE IS LOVE vast as the ocean,**  
Loving kindness as the flood,  
When the Prince of life, our ransom  
Shed for us His precious blood.  
Who His love will not remember?  
Who can cease to sing His praise?  
He can never be forgotten  
Throughout heaven's eternal days.

On the Mount of Crucifixion  
Fountains opened deep and wide;  
Through the floodgates of God's mercy  
Flowed a vast and gracious tide.  
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,  
Poured incessant from above,  
And heaven's peace and perfect justice  
Kissed a guilty world in love.

Here is love for all the ages  
risen Lamb of Heaven He stands.  
Calling home His Father's children  
holding forth his wounded hands.  
We are called to feast forever  
at the table of the Lord  
and day by day to love each other  
till his kingdom is restored.

## 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 great Passover feast of the first covenant  
our Lord took bread and gave 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,  
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  
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 afar off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
and opened for us the gates of glory.**

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

## Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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      **O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES to sing**

My great Redeemer's praise,  
My great Redeemer's praise!  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of His grace!

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease,  
That bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,  
He sets the prisoner free,  
He sets the prisoner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean,  
His blood availed for me.

He speaks and, listening to His voice,  
New life the dead receive,  
New life the dead receive;  
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice,  
The humble poor believe.

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb,  
Your loosened tongues employ,  
Your loosened tongues employ;  
Ye blind, behold your Saviour come;  
And leap, ye lame, for joy!

My gracious Master and my God,  
Assist me to proclaim,  
Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad  
The honours of Thy name.

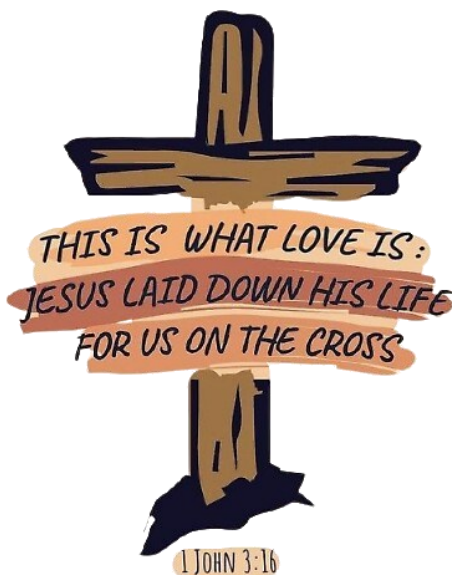
## Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen!**

*Do please join with us for refreshments  
and fellowship at the end of our service.*



# Calendar of Events

The following dates are for your diary. Some still need to be confirmed.

If a sign up sheet is put out please sign up and let us know your intention to attend as soon as possible. It stops events being cancelled because we think there is no interest! Also some events may have a maximum capacity.

## April

12th April - Film night, St Leonard's Hall, 7.30pm

*The unlikely pilgrimage of Harold Fry*

26th April - Church Meal, Coronation Inn, 7pm

menu to follow, £10 per person deposit required.

## May

17th May - Men's Night - Tiger Lotus, Dalkeith - 7pm

Bluebell Walk - to be confirmed

Quiz - to be confirmed

## June

1st June - Summer Fair & BBQ, St Mary's 10am-2pm

Ladies Afternoon tea - details to be confirmed

## July

28th July - Strawberry Tea - details to be confirmed.



**St Leonard's Sunday 10am**

[stleonardslasswade.org.uk](http://stleonardslasswade.org.uk)

**St Mary's Sunday 10am**

[stmarysdalkeith.org.uk](http://stmarysdalkeith.org.uk)

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