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March 27th, 2024. Dear friends of St Clement and St Nicholas,



I have included some photos of last year's services during Holy Week.

On Thursday evening at 6pm. we will remember the Last Supper with a service of Holy Communion.

The next day on **Good Friday at 11am** we will have a prayer walk in the Meadow churchyard before following the cross up to the top of the woodland where we will serve hot cross bun loaves and coffee.

Due to no electricity in St Nicholas Church, there will not be a 2pm service in St Nicholas Church this year.



# REMINDER: THE CLOCKS GO FORWARD 1 HOUR AT 1am on MARCH 31st - EASTER SUNDAY



On Easter Day we will gather around the cross at Le Hocq at **7.30am for an early morning communion** followed by a hot cross bun loaf breakfast.

Sadly the tides are not in our favour this year so no Easter Day swim is possible.

**St. Nicholas** will hold their service at **9am** as usual.

At 10.30am at St. Clement we invite everyone to bring flowers of any kind or pick daffodils in the Meadow to join in transforming the plain wooden Good Friday cross.

Wishing everyone a good Easter.

David.



# MAUNDY THURSDAY READINGS AND PRAYERS

Collect and Gospel Reading for Maundy Thursday.

**The Collect** God our Father, you have invited us to share in the supper which your Son gave to his Church to proclaim his death until he comes: may he nourish us by his presence, and unite us in his love; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

**The Gospel Reading.** Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory. I give you a new commandment, says the Lord: Love one another as I have loved you. Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.



than the one who sent him.

# Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love.

The evening meal was being served, and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel round his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped round him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord,

are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus replied, "You do not realise now what I am doing, but later you will understand." "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me." "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!" Jesus answered, "A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet; his whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean. When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. "You call me `Teacher' and `Lord', and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have

Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them. "Now is the Son of Man glorified and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once. "My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come. "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

done for you. I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater

(John 13.1-17, 31b-35) This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

**Prayers for Maundy Thursday** Christ knelt and washed his disciples feet. Help us to have servant hearts, that we might love without counting the cost. May the Church be a servant community and may we be good news in the heart of our community.

Christ broke bread, shared it among his disciples and said this is my body given for you. May we who share in Christ's generosity be generous to others. May we be peacemakers and seek to bring reconciliation where we are able.

Christ took the cup and said drink from it all of you. As we share in the cup may Christ enlarge our hearts to encompass the world.

Christ was betrayed by one of those closest to him. May we have courage to be faithful and to bear witness to our crucified Saviour.

Christ knelt in the garden and wept for the sins of the world.

May we be faithful in prayer for a world in need. May our prayers, our words and actions, work together for the greater good.

Spend a little time praying for the needs of those around you and for yourself.

#### **GOOD FRIDAY READING**

## **Collect and Gospel Reading for Good Friday**

**Minister: Collect for Good Friday:** Almighty Father, look with mercy on this your family for which our Lord Jesus Christ was betrayed and given up into the hands of wicked men and to suffer death upon the cross; who is alive and glorified with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. **Amen.** 

# The Gospel Reading. Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. Glory to you O Lord (John 18 1-19: 42)

When he had finished praying, Jesus left with his disciples and crossed the Kidron Valley. On the other side there was a garden, and he and his disciples went into it. Now Judas, who betrayed him, knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with his disciples. So Judas came to the garden, guiding a detachment of soldiers and some officials from the chief priests and the Pharisees. They were carrying torches, lanterns and weapons. Jesus, knowing all that was going to happen to him, went out and asked them, "Who is it you want?" "Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "I am he," Jesus said. (And Judas the traitor was standing there with them.) When Jesus said, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground.

Again he asked them, "Who is it you want?" "Jesus of Nazareth," they said.

Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. If you are looking for me, then let these men go." This happened so that the words he had spoken would be fulfilled: "I have not lost one of those you gave me." Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, cutting off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) Jesus commanded Peter, "Put your sword away! Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given me?"

Then the detachment of soldiers with its commander and the Jewish officials arrested Jesus. They bound him and brought him first to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jewish leaders that it would be good if one man died for the people.

**Peter's First Denial** Simon Peter and another disciple were following Jesus. Because this disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the high priest's courtyard, but Peter had to wait outside at the door. The other disciple, who was known to the high priest, came back, spoke to the servant girl on duty there and brought Peter in. "You aren't one of this man's disciples too, are you?" she asked Peter. He replied, "I am not." It was cold, and the servants and officials stood around a fire they had made to keep warm. Peter also was standing with them, warming himself.

The High Priest Questions Jesus Meanwhile, the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. "I have spoken openly to the world," Jesus replied. "I always taught in synagogues or at the temple, where all the Jews come together. I said nothing in secret. Why question me? Ask those who heard me. Surely they know what I said." When Jesus said this, one of the officials nearby slapped him in the face. "Is this the way you answer the high priest?" he demanded. "If I said something wrong," Jesus replied, "testify as to what is wrong. But if I spoke the truth, why did you strike me?" Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

Peter's Second and Third Denials Meanwhile, Simon Peter was still standing there warming himself. So they asked him, "You aren't one of his disciples too, are you?" He denied it, saying, "I am not." One of the high priest's servants, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, challenged him, "Didn't I see you with him in the garden?" Again Peter denied it, and at that moment a rooster began to crow.

Jesus Before Pilate Then the Jewish leaders took Jesus from Caiaphas to the palace of the Roman governor. By now it was early morning, and to avoid ceremonial uncleanness they did not enter the palace, because they wanted to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate came out to them and asked, "What charges are you bringing against this man?" "If he were not a criminal," they replied, "we would not have handed him over to you." Pilate said, "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law." "But we have no right to execute anyone," they objected. This took place to fulfill what Jesus had said about the kind of death he was going to die.

Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" "Is that your own idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about me?" "Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied. "Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?" Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place." "You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me." "What is truth?" retorted Pilate. With this he went out again to the Jews gathered there and said, "I find no basis for a charge against him. But it is your custom for me to release to you one prisoner at the time of the Passover. Do you want me to release 'the king of the Jews'?" They shouted back, "No, not him! Give us Barabbas!" Now Barabbas had taken part in an uprising.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you O Christ

### EASTER SUNDAY FAMILY MARCH 31st, 2024

Easter SHOUT! Minister: Alleluia! Christ is risen All: Jesus is risen! Alleluia

What's that you say?

But he was dead

Laid in a grave

Dead for three days

Now he's alive?

Death overcome?

Hope for us all!

Jesus is risen!

Shout with one voice: Jesus is risen! Alleluia!

### **CA 348**

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, alleluia! our triumphant holy day, alleluia! who did once, upon the cross, alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss, alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, alleluia! unto Christ our heav'nly King, alleluia! who endured the cross and grave, alleluia! sinners to redeem and save, alleluia!

For the pains that he endured, alleluia! our salvation have procured; alleluia! now above the sky he's King, alleluia! where the angels ever sing, alleluia!

<u>The Welcome and Bible</u> There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body, .All: We welcome you into the fellowship of faith. We are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.

**Confession:** Jesus Christ, risen Master, triumphant Lord, we come to you in sorrow for our sins and confess to you our weakness and unbelief..... *a short time for remembering* 

We have lived by our own strength and not by the power of your resurrection.

All: Lord, in your mercy, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone and doubted our home in heaven.

All: Lord in your mercy, hear us and help us.

May the God of love and power forgive us and free us from our sins, heal us and strengthen us by his Spirit and raise us to new life in Christ our Risen Lord. **Amen.** 

The Gospel Reading Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark Glory to you O Lord (Mark 16: 1-8)

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you."

Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ** 

Reflection Martin: This is where the earliest manuscripts of Mark's gospel end. The longer versions go on for another eleven verses and describe Jesus appearing to Mary Magdalene, the two disciples on the road to Emmaus and finally to the Eleven. Many scholars suspect that these verses were added at a later date because it just didn't seem right for the gospel to end in bewilderment and fear. But I think this is exactly where Mark did intend to end his account, because he wanted to make it clear that there were no heroes among the followers of Jesus following the hostility that led to his trial and crucifixion. The faith of the Church, which we have inherited, grew not out of confidence and power but out of failure and weakness. Jesus didn't appoint new disciples after his resurrection, instead he forgave his disciples for their lack of faith and gave them a mission. No matter how many times we fall short in our own faith, Jesus is always there with love and forgiveness. That is the Good News of Easter.

A&M 203

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing Now is the triumph of our King To all the world glad news we bring Alleluia, Alleluia

The Lord of Life is ris'n for ay Bring flow'rs of song to strew his way Let all mankind rejoice and say Alleluia, Alleluia Praise we in songs of victory That Love, that Life, which cannot die And sing with hearts uplifted high Alleluia, Alleluia

Thy name we bless, O risen Lord And sing today with one accord The life laid down, the life restored Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

#### We declare our faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father who made the world? All: We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ, who died for our sins and rose again. **All: We believe and trust in him.** 

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God? **We believe and trust in him.** 

**The Collect for Easter Day** Lord of all life and power who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him grant that we being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ may reign with him in glory to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour glory and might now and in all eternity. **Amen.** 

Prayers All: Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those that 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.

Prayers ending: Lord in your mercy Hear our Prayer

With Christians throughout the world we give thanks for the resurrection of Jesus. We give thanks for all the signs of new life; for signs of new life in places where the future seemed hopeless. And we pray for people still entombed in the darkness of oppression and hatred, where life struggles to be born against the odds.

Spend a little time praying for the release of hostages, an end to the violence in Gaza and surrounding countries and for peace and freedom from the Russia invasion in Ukraine.

Life-giving God, roll away the stones of anger and hatred and let your life bring peace and hope. We pray for the church, that we will be signs of life and hope in our world. May we stay close enough to you to hear the heartbeat of your will, and discern where life is to be found. When we fail to recognise you, call us by name, as you called Mary and assure us of your presence in our daily lives.

We pray for the communities we belong too, and give thanks for our neighbours and friends. We pray for all who are lonely. God of all people, roll away the stones that keep us apart, and let your love draw us closer together as we draw closer to you.

We pray for the people on our hearts and in our minds. For dear people ill at home, at hospital or hospice. For dear people who are fragile and vulnerable and who need to know loving comfort. Life-giving God, may they know your healing love.

We thank you for the hope that the Resurrection brings. We pray for all approaching death, and for those who watch with them and care for them. We give thanks for all who have gone before us on this journey through death to life, and we pray that with them we will be given a share in your eternal kingdom.

At the end of the prayers ending: Merciful Father: All: Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ Amen.

**THE PEACE**: The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said: "Peace be with you" Then they were glad when they saw the Lord. The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.** 

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be among us and remain with us always. Amen.

#### **CA305**

I danced in the morning
When the world was begun
And I danced in the moon
And the stars and the sun
And I came down from heaven
And I danced on the earth
At Bethlehem I had my birth

Dance then, wherever you may be I am the Lord of the dance said he And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be And I'll lead you all in the dance said he.

I danced for the scribe
And the Pharisee
But they would not dance
And they wouldn't follow me
I danced for the fisherman
For James and John
They came with me
And the dance went on. (Refrain)

I danced on the Sabbath
And I cured the lame
The holy people
They said it was a shame
They whipped and they stripped
And they hung me on high
And they left me there
on a cross to die (Refrain)

I danced on a Friday
When the sky turned black
Its hard to dance
With the devil on your back
They buried my body
And they thought I'd gone
But I am the dance
And I still go on. (Refrain)

They cut me down
And I leapt up high
I am the life
That'll never, never die
I'll live in you
If you'll live in me
I am the Lord of the dance said he.

Dance then, wherever you may be I am the Lord of the dance said he And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be And I'll lead you all in the dance said he.

### **Holy Communion**

The Lord be 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 thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.

You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. **Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life.** 

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

Father we do this in remembrance of him, his blood is shed for all.

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising to glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son. With your whole church throughout the world we

offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Draw near with faith and thanksgiving in remembrance that he died for you.

After Communion: Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen

#### **CA672**

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son, endless is the vict'ry 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, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death has 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. (Refrain)

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life!
Life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love.
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. (Refrain)

#### We remain standing for the Blessing

May the Risen Christ fill us with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit rest upon us and all we love, now and forever more. **Amen**.

The Grace: May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the Love of God and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. Amen.

Alleluia Christ is risen Jesus is risen! Alleluia!