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April 11th , 2024

NOTICES FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday April 14TH : 9am Holy Communion at St Nicholas.

10.30am Morning Worship in Eastertide at St Clement.

Dear are friends of St. Clement and St. Nicholas,

Despite the disrupted ferry crossings there is feeling of Spring and fresh beginnings which fit in well with our church year after Easter. After a winter of storms it was good to be able to request the scaffolding to come down at St. Nicholas next week and ask the electrician to clarify what is safe to use after months of damp. Hopefully it will not be too long before it can look less like a building site. As usual the congregation have remained cheerful and wrapped up warm.

We hope you are keeping well

David

MORNING WORSHIP IN EASTERTIDE
April 14th, 2024

A&M: 216

The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness,
the Passover of God;
from death to life eternal
from earth unto the sky,
our God hath brought us over
with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil,
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection – light;
and, listening to his accents,
may hear so calm and plain
his own 'All hail' and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful,
and earth her song begin,
the round world keep high triumph,
and all that is therein;
let all things seen and unseen
their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord is risen,
our joy that hath no end.

Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us. Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart. *1 Corinthians 5.7,8*

We to sit or kneel to confess our sins

Like Mary at the empty tomb, we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Like the disciples behind locked doors, we are afraid to be seen as your followers.
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Like Thomas in the upper room, we are slow to believe.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

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

Blessed is the Lord, **for he has heard the voice of our prayer;**
therefore shall our hearts dance for joy **and in our song we will praise our God.**

Blessed are you, Lord our God, Creator and Redeemer of all; to you be glory and praise for ever.
From the waters of chaos you drew forth the world and in your great love fashioned us in your image.

Now, through the deep waters of death, you have brought your people to new birth by raising your Son to life in triumph. May Christ your light ever dawn in our hearts as we offer you our sacrifice of thanks and praise.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit: **Blessed be God for ever.**

CA 18

**All I once held dear, built my life upon,
all this world reveres, and wars to own,
all I once thought gain, I have counted loss;
spent and worthless now, compared to this.**

***Knowing you Jesus, knowing you,
There is no greater thing.
You're my all, you're the best,
You're my joy, my righteousness,
And I love you, Lord.***

**Now my hearts desire is to know you more,
to be found in you and known as yours.
To possess by faith what I could not earn,
all surpassing gift of righteousness. (Refrain)**

**Oh, to know the pow'r of your risen life,
and to know you in your sufferings.
To become like you in your death, my Lord,
so with you to live and never die (Refrain)**

The Easter Anthems *We remain standing*

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us: so let us celebrate the feast, not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness: but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. 1 Corinthians 5.7b, 8 3

Christ once raised from the dead dies no more: death has no more dominion over him. In dying he died to sin once for all: in living he lives to God. See yourselves therefore as dead to sin: and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 6.9-11 6

Christ has been raised from the dead: the first fruits of those who sleep. For as by man came death: by man has come also the resurrection of the dead; for as in Adam all die: even so in Christ shall all be made alive. 1 Corinthians 15.20-22

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

The Reading *We sit for the readings*

The first reading is taken from Acts, Chapter 3 beginning to read at the twelfth verse (Acts 3 12-19)

When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to

you. You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

“Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

A&M 212

**Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain
love lives again, that with the dead has been;
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.**

**In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had slain,
thinking that he never would awake again,
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.**

**Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for the three days in the grave had lain,
back from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.**

**When our hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain,
then your touch can call us back to life again,
fields in our hearts that dead and bare have been.
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. (Luke 24 36-48)

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.”

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

Sermon: David It is amazing how passages from the Bible can be refreshed in meaning and remain relevant two or more thousand years after they were written . In our reading from Acts we have words which were subsequently used to justify the persecution of the Jews at different points

in history. The church and the societies it was part of, has singled out Jews as the cause of economic and social problems and banished, killed and persecuted. The Holocaust was the worst example and a major justification for the need for a safe space, a homeland for Jewish people. How the safety of that country is maintained and the location of its borders is currently as big an issue as it ever has been.

Deep seated prejudice can begin in childhood. Recent surveys of educated young British Muslims reveal an extraordinary number who do not believe that the attacks that sparked the current crisis ever took place. At the other extreme some accuse people of anti-Semitism if they question or criticize the tactics of the Israeli government and army in Gaza. Inhibition discussion is unlikely to change anyone's mind.

As we pray for peace let us also seek to understand the history of that complicated land and the ways our minds are influenced and judgements formed.

We stand to say the 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 Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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 and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who 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.

Prayers of Intercession *We sit or kneel.* Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**
Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.**
Amen.

Give us faith to trust in your life restoring power ... pray for people who have given up hope (hope for peace in Gaza? Hope for the healing of relationships?).

Teach us to honour all people as your children ... pray that we learn not to judge each other and that we become practiced in learning to pray for our enemies.

May we be mindful of the wonders of creation ... pray that we nurture rather than destroy.

May your healing peace sustain the sick and suffering and bring comfort to the dying ... pray for people known to you and for those who are suffering because of conflict and poverty.

May we never forget the great hope of heaven before us ... give thanks for all who now rest at peace and pray for those newly bereaved or remembering anniversaries at this time, that they may receive the comfort they need.

The Collect for the Third Sunday of Easter: Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

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

The Lord's Prayer Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us: **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.**

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**Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,
your sweetest notes employ,
the Paschal victory to hymn
in strains of holy joy.**

**For Judah's Lion burst his chains,
and crushed the serpent's head
and brought with him,
from death's domain,
the long-imprisoned dead.**

**From hell's devouring jaws the prey
alone our leader bore;
his ransomed hosts pursue their way
where he hath gone before.**

**Triumphant in his glory now
his sceptre ruleth all;
earth, heav'n and hell before him bow
and at his footstool fall.**

**While joyful thus his praise we sing
his mercy we implore,
into his palace bright to bring,
and keep us evermore.**

**All glory to the Father be,
all glory to the Son,
all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,
while endless ages run.**

The 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.

We say the Grace together: **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.**

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**