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April 17th, 2024

**Dear Friends of St Clement and St Nicholas** 

# NOTICES OF SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK:

Sunday April 21st 9am Holy Communion at St Nicholas

10.30am Holy Communion in Eastertide at St Clement

12.15pm Baptism in St Clement



I am delighted to report that the main roof of St Nicholas is finished and the electrician is checking for safety and replacing damaged fuse boards.

Meanwhile at St. Clement the cherry trees in the churchyard are looking superb.

Thank you to Robin Richards for the photos he took on Sunday.

We hope you are keeping well.

David.



#### SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION IN ST CLEMENT FOR APRIL 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 HOLY COMMUNION IN EASTERTIDE

# CA 354

Jesus lives! thy terrors now can no more, O death, appal us; Jesus lives! by this we know thou, O grave, canst not enthral us. Alleluia.

Jesus lives! henceforth is death but the gate of life immortal: this shall calm our trembling breath, when we pass its gloomy portal. Alleluia.

Jesus lives! for us he died; then, alone to Jesus living, pure in heart may we abide, glory to our Saviour giving. Alleluia.

Jesus lives! our hearts know well naught from us his love shall sever; life nor death nor pow'rs of hell tear us from his keeping ever. Alleluia.

Jesus lives! to him the throne over all the world is given: may we go where he is gone, rest and reign with him in heaven. Alleluia.

# The Greeting

The Lord be with you. and also with you.

Prayer of Preparation: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your Holy name; though Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **Prayers of Penitence**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

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.

*We sit or kneel* Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord, we come to you in sorrow for our sins, and confess to you our weakness and unbelief. We have lived by our own strength, and not by the power of your resurrection.

In your mercy, forgive us.

# Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes, as faithless and not believing. In your mercy, forgive us. Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone, and doubted our home in heaven. In your mercy, forgive us. Lord, hear us and help us.

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.** 

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, Heav'nly King, Almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord, Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**The Collect:** Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen** 



# The First Reading is taken from Acts, Chapter 4, beginning to read at the fifth verse (Acts 4 5-12)

The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest's family. They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?"

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and

are being asked how he was healed, then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed.

Jesus is "'the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.' Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

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

# CA 716

We have a gospel to proclaim, good news for all throughout the earth; the gospel of a Saviour's name: we sing his glory, tell his worth.

Tell of his birth at Bethlehem, not in a royal house or hall, but in a stable dark and dim, the Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of his death at Calvary, hated by those he came to save; in lonely suff'ring on the cross: for all he loved, his life he gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn, empty the tomb, for he was free; he broke the pow'r of death and hell that we might share his victory.

Tell of his reign at God's right hand, by all creation glorified. He sends his Spirit on his Church to live for him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name him King: Jesus is Lord of all the earth. The gospel-message we proclaim: we sing his glory, tell his worth.

# The Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John Glory to you, O Lord. (John 10 11-18)

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again.

**Sermon Tracy:** The reading from Acts plunges us straight into the consequences for Peter and John of the healing of the crippled beggar. We meet Caiaphas again, the High Priest, who briefly interrogated Jesus on the night he was betrayed. It was Caiaphas who had previously said it would be good if one man died for the people. And it was Jesus who said that unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground it will never sprout and bear many seeds. Now we discover that over 5,000 became believers as a result of the healing in Jesus' name. A little further on Caiaphas commands Peter not to speak or teach in the name of Jesus. He might as well shout into the wind - the goodness of God goes where it will.

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** Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

Jesus, Good Shepherd, we come to you, the true guardian of our souls.

Keep your church focussed firmly on you ... may we follow where you lead.

Pray for people who are unsure of their next step ...

Jesus, Good Shepherd, we come to you, our true defence.

Give us courage to place our trust in following your way of peace.

Pray for people working for peace in the Middle East ...

Jesus, Good Shepherd, we come to you as the treasure in our hearts.

Knowing how richly we have received may we be a generous people.

Pray for opportunities to make life a little better for

someone ...

Jesus, Good Shepherd, we come to you with the injured and the weak. Protect and hold in your love all who cry to you in their need. *Pray for people who are suffering in any way ...* 

Jesus, Good Shepherd, you lay down your life for our salvation.

At our final hour may we hear you call us by name to our heavenly home. *Pray for people who are bereaved and in need of comfort.* 

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

# The Peace We stand to share the Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you and also with you

All: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

CA 156

Faithful Shepherd, feed me in the pastures green; faithful Shepherd, lead me where thy steps are seen.

Hold me fast, and guide me in the narrow way; so, with thee beside me, I shall never stray.

Daily bring me nearer to the heav'nly shore; may my faith grow clearer, may I love thee more.

Hallow ev'ry pleasure, ev'ry gift and pain; be thyself my treasure, though none else I gain.

Day by day prepare me as thou seest best, then let angels bear me to thy promised rest.

Creator of all, you wash away our sins, you give us new birth by the Spirit, and redeem us in the blood of Christ. As we celebrate the resurrection, renew your gift of life within us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.** 

# The 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 thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works. For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered

the powers of death and hell and restored in men and women the image of your glory. He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal. And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness, while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever the hymn of your 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.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

# Great is the mystery of faith: Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, We celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

# The Lord's Prayer

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.

# **Breaking of the Bread**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace. Prayer before the distribution

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

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 the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; We who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Dismissal:** 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.** 

He is not here. He is risen. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia. In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, alleluia.

CA 249

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning from thee; thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not; as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning New mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided Great is thy faithfulness Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest sun, moon and stars in their courses above, join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness mercy and love. (Refrain) Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)

We say the Grace together: 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.