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Payments for St Nicholas Church have now been clarified and these are the amended bank details for St Nicholas Church: **St Clements Parish Church 40-25-34 94289579**

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April 23rd, 2025

Happy Easter friends of St. Clement and St. Nicholas,



Maundy Thursday was very well attended and included lovely Taizé music with the choir. Tracy led the intrepid Good Friday prayer walkers as far as the yew tree and retreated inside - after some drippy contemplation - for hot cross bun loaf and Pam's jam. Martin's reflective hour at St. Nicholas was greatly appreciated.

The rain ceased in time for the sunrise communion at Le Hocq where like a high budget movie the clouds parted and the sun shone just as Martin read the resurrection Gospel. More

hot bun loaves and jam before the single loaf was moved to St. Nicholas communion followed by their traditional sherry. On to St. Clement where the old wooden cross of Good Friday was transformed in minutes with flowers brought by the congregation.

Clifford's Champagne Easter Bonnet competition had grown to five - no easy win for Kim this year and the quality was so high he awarded an extra bottle - my favourite is the one on the right featuring loaves and tea cups.

We hope you are keeping well. David



Lovely flower displays by the Kidman Family





Welcome to St Clement Church

HOLY COMMUNION IN EASTERTIDE APRIL 27TH, 2025

Notices for next week: May 4th

**9am Holy Communion at St Nicholas Church
10.30am Holy Communion at St Clement Church**

CA 16

**All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name,
let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem**

***and crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all.***

**Crown him, all martyrs of your God,
who from his altar call;
praise him whose way of pain you trod.**

***and crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all.***

**O prophets faithful to his word,
in matters great and small,
who made his voice of justice heard,**

*now crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all.*

All sinners, now redeemed by grace,
who heard your Saviour's call,
now robed in light before his face

*O crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all.*

Let every tribe and every race
who heard the freedom call,
in liberation, see Christ's face,

*and crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all.*

Let every people, every tongue
to him their heart enthral:
lift high the universal song.

*and crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all.*

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 for the Second Sunday of Easter: Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and 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 5, beginning to read at the twenty-seventh verse (Acts 5 27-32)

The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name," he said. "Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man's blood."

Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than human beings! The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

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

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 heart's 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.**

***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.***

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.

*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.*

The Gospel Reading: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John **Glory to you, O Lord. (John 20: 19-31)**

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Now Thomas (also known as Didymus^[a]), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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

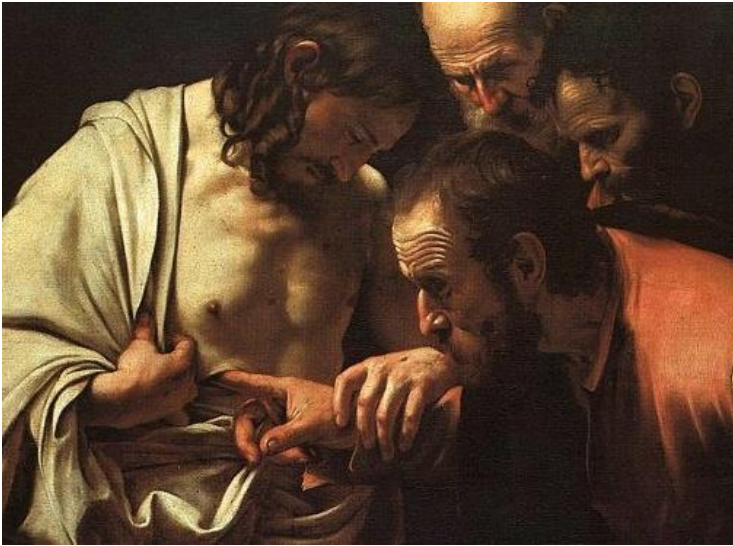
Reflection Tracy



I thought you might like some artwork this week. Something funny and something more thoughtful.

One has Jesus showing Thomas the physical signs of his suffering. And he invites Thomas to touch his scars. I have heard some mothers say that their stretch marks bear wonderful testimony to their giving birth.

Perhaps the scars that Jesus carries are precious to him because they are the means by which we find peace with God and know just how much we are deeply loved.



Charles Wesley, the hymn writer spent much time reflecting upon the scars of Jesus and the fruits of those reflections can be seen in his hymns. 'With what rapture ... gaze we on those glorious scars' are words found in the hymn 'Lo he comes with clouds descending' and in 'Crown Him with many crowns' this beautiful verse: 'Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side, rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified: no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight, but downward bends each burning eye at mysteries so bright'. Something to reflect upon this Easter time.

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, come among us. Breathe new life into your Church. May our faith in you bear fruit for the good of the world.

Take away the fear that closes doors and shuts some out. Give us grace to embrace strangers and friends with charity and love.

Open our voices to speak with courage where evil would prefer silence. Give us grace to work for justice.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on all in need of release from guilt and past mistakes. Heal the sick and strengthen the weary.

Comfort the bereaved and may your loving embrace be for all who have died.

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 45

**As the deer pants for the water,
so my soul longs after you.
you alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.**

***You alone are my strength, my shield,
to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.***

**I want you more than gold or silver,
only you can satisfy.
you alone are the real joy-giver
and the apple of my eye.**

***You alone are my strength, my shield,
to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.***

**You're my friend and you are my brother,
even though you are a king.
I love you more than any other,
so much more than anything.**

***You alone are my strength, my shield,
to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.***

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.

Prayers After Communion: Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

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 687

**Through the night of doubt and sorrow
onward goes the pilgrim band,
singing songs of expectation
marching to the promised land.**

**Clear before us, through the darkness,
gleams and burns the guiding light;
so we march in hope united,
stepping fearless through the night.**

**One the light of God's own presence
o'er his ransomed people shed,
chasing far the gloom and terror,
bright'ning all the path we tread.**

**One the object of our journey
one the faith which never tires
one the earnest looking forward
one the hope our God inspires.**

**One the strain that lips of thousands
lift as from the heart of one:
one the conflict, one the peril,
one the march in God begun.**

**One the gladness of rejoicing
on the far eternal shore,
where the one almighty Father
reigns in love for evermore.**

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.**