

Your Weekly News from St Leonard's & St Mary's Sunday 1st May 2022 Easter Week 3

## Breakfast with Jesus

Out of the various references we are given about Jesus and his resurrection my favourite account has to be that from John's Gospel at chapter 21. Peter fed up and frustrated, wondering what to do next, decides to go fishing and the other disciples decided to come along too. After a hopeless nights fishing they hear a voice calling to them and instructing them to cast their nets on the other side. Soon there is a commotion of activity as they try to haul a bursting net on-board and one of the disciples cries out "It's the Lord!"

Peter jumps out the boat to get to Jesus and soon after the other disciples come ashore. Amazed they all look at Jesus and he responds with a simple invitation to "Come and have breakfast."

"Come and have breakfast" Jesus today continues to call all of us into an everyday, down to earth relationship with him. Like meeting a friend we haven't seen for a wee while and agreeing to go for a coffee or even breakfast together. Jesus longs to hear from us to meet with us where we are.

I wonder what would you talk about if you were to have breakfast with Jesus? How do you respond to his invitation to come and have breakfast?

We persevere with our prayers for the Ukraine

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace. for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them and hear their hearts cry. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of peace. Amen



#### Welcome

The Lord be with you And also with you

This is the day that the Lord has made Let us rejoice and be glad in it

#### Hymn TO GOD BE THE GLORY! great things He hath done! So loved He the world that He gave us His Son, Who yielded His life an atonement for sin, And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son; And give Him the glory, great things He hath done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood! To every believer the promise of God; The vilest offender who truly believes, That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done, And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son: But purer and higher and greater will be Our wonder, our worship, when Jesus we see!

#### **Prayer of Confession**

Father we acknowledge that we have not loved as you would have us love. We turn to you again and ask for your mercy, forgive us and renew us through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen

The minister declares God's forgiveness

God who is both power and love, forgive us and free us from our sins, heal and strengthen us by his Spirit, and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. Amen

#### Collect

Let us pray

O 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.

#### Hymn O LET THE SON OF GOD ENFOLD YOU

With His Spirit and His love, Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul. O let Him have the things that hold you, And His Spirit like a dove Will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Jesus, O Jesus, Come and fill Your lambs. Jesus, O Jesus, Come and fill Your lambs.

O come and sing this song with gladness As your hearts are filled with joy, Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name. O give Him all your tears and sadness, Give Him all your years of pain, And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.

**Gospel** Hear the Gospel of our Lord according to John **Glory to Christ our Saviour**.

John 21v1-19

After this, Jesus appeared to his disciples again. It was by the Sea of Galilee. Here is what happened.

Simon Peter and Thomas, who was also called Didymus, were there together. Nathanael from Cana in Galilee and the sons of Zebedee were with them. So were two other disciples. "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them. They said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat. That night they didn't catch anything.

Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore. But the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. He called out to them, "Friends, don't you have any fish?" "No," they answered. He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat. There you will find some fish." When they did, they could not pull the net into the boat as there were too many fish in it.

Then the disciple Jesus loved said to Simon Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Peter heard that, he put his coat on. He had taken it off earlier. Then he jumped into the water. The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish. The shore was only about 100 yards away.

When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals. There were fish on it. There was also some bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat. He dragged the net to shore. It was full of large fish. There were 153 of them. But even with that many fish the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of them ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them. He did the same thing with the fish. This was the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When Jesus and the disciples had finished eating, Jesus spoke to Simon Peter. He asked, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these others do?" "Yes, Lord," he answered. "You know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."

Again Jesus asked, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord. You know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." Jesus spoke to him a third time. He asked, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt bad because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He answered, "Lord, you know all things. You know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep." Then he said "What I'm about to tell you is true. When you were younger, you dressed yourself. You went wherever you wanted to go. But when you are old, you will stretch out your hands. Someone else will dress you. Someone else will lead you where you do not want to go." Jesus said this to point out how Peter would die. His death would bring glory to God. Then Jesus said to him, "Follow me!"

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel. **Praise to Christ our Lord.** 

Talk

#### **Prayers for Today**

#### The Peace

We meet in Christ's name; Let us share his peace.

HymnBE STILL, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here;<br/>Come bow before Him now with reverence and fear.<br/>In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground;<br/>Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around; He burns with holy fire, with splendour He is crowned. How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light! Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place; He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace. No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him; Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

#### **Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord is here. His Spirit is with us.

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 come to your table 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 in glory, send your Holy Spirit upon us and on this bread and this wine that they may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son. As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

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. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord Hosanna in the highest

#### The Lord's Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for 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.

God's holy gifts for God's holy people. Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

#### **Distribution of Communion**

All are welcome to come and 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** 

Author of life divine, in the breaking of bread we know the risen Lord. Feed us always in these mysteries, that we may show your glory to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

#### 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** 

#### HYMN I, THE LORD OF SEA AND SKY, I have heard My people cry; All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night. I will go, Lord, If You lead me; I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain; I have wept for love of them – They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone; I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame, I will set a feast for them – My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide Till their hearts are satisfied; I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?

#### Dismissal

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord In the name of Christ. Amen

# Do join with us for fellowship and refreshments served at the end of the service



### Getting Ready for Next Year 10th - 14th April 2023

Spring Harvest is more than just a conference within a holiday atmosphere, it's the space for you to find spiritual refreshment, hear God's voice and be inspired to go back to your streets, villages, towns and cities to make a difference in Jesus name. Spring Harvest seeks to equip and challenge todays church through offering a place of restoration and renewal with a call to go out and rebuild God's Kingdom.

Fiona and Peter for many years have benefitted from attending this Christian Conference and have often returned resourced and encouraged in their ministry within our churches. In recent years a number of our own members have joined in with them and also enjoyed attending Spring Harvest. They too have been renewed in their faith and brought to us ideas like Messy Church or have simply just been encouraged and refreshed to step out in faith.

In 2023 we warmly invite you to come and be part of what God is doing and resourcing through the work of Spring Harvest. Thankfully next years dates are post Easter, so if your looking for a post Easter get away with God then do get in touch with Fiona for more information. Bookings open early June.

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Platinum Jubilee Celebration June 3-5th , 2022



Join in with the celebrations

Flower Festival of Thanksgiving

Friday 3rd — Sunday 5th June St Leonard's Church 10am — 4pm

## **Platinum Jubilee Afternoon Tea** St Mary's Saturday 4th June 2.30pm to 4pm

**Platinum Jubilee Garden Party** Sunday 5th June, 1pm at St Leonard's

These events are Free and open to everyone

