



My sheep listen to my voice. I know them, and they follow me.

# Connect

*Your Weekly News from St Leonard's & St Mary's*  
**Sunday 8th May 2022 Easter Week 4**

## Easter 4

Alleluia Christ is risen! We are now into the fourth week of our Easter celebrations. The question is do we believe? As Jesus taught and performed various miracles he was always under scrutiny by those around him. The Temple officials especially wanted more and more evidence. Was Jesus the Messiah?

His own teaching and miracles were evidence highlighting to those who were open to truly receiving the good news that Jesus was indeed the Messiah, the Son of God. He was and is the one who comes to bring new life, new growth and offer eternal security.

Sadly many of us live in the season of winter. Although there are signs of new life and new hope we do not recognise them. Maybe our hearts have grown cold. There is no growth, no life. Maybe we are tired and weary after these past two years of turmoil and not sure about our faith and what we believe.

Take time to consider afresh Jesus life, his works, his teaching. Weigh up the evidence for the resurrection. Then seek God in prayer asking to be refreshed, to be raised up out of the winter season into spring and new life, in Jesus name. Amen

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      **PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN;**

To His feet thy tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Who like thee His praise should sing?  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise Him for His grace and favour  
To our fathers in distress;  
Praise Him, still the same forever,  
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like, He tends and spares us;  
Well our feeble frame He knows;  
In His hands He gently bears us,  
Rescues us from all our foes.  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Widely as His mercy flows.

Angels in the height, adore Him;  
Ye behold Him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,  
Dwellers all in time and space.  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise with us the God of grace!

## Prayer of Confession

As we draw near to God and praise him for his grace and favour let us acknowledge and confess our sin before the God of grace.

**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 of peace,**

**who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ,**

**that great shepherd of the sheep,**

**by the blood of the eternal covenant,**

**make us perfect in every good work to do your will,**

**and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you**

**and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**

## A Reading from Acts 9:36-43

In Joppa there was a believer named Tabitha. Her name in the Greek language is Dorcas. She was always doing good and helping poor people. About that time she became sick and died. Her body was washed and placed in a room upstairs. Lydda was near Joppa. So when the believers heard that Peter was in Lydda they sent two men to him. They begged him, "Please come at once!"

Peter went with them. When he arrived, he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him crying. They showed him the robes and other clothes Dorcas had made before she died.

Peter sent them all out of the room. Then he got down on his knees and prayed. He turned toward the dead woman. He said, "Tabitha, get up." She opened her eyes. When she saw Peter, she sat up.

He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called the believers and especially the widows. He brought her to them. They saw that she was alive. This became known all over Joppa. Many people believed in the Lord.

**Hymn**      **IN THE LORD I'll be ever thankful,**  
In the Lord I will rejoice!  
Look to God, do not be afraid;  
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near,  
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

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

John 10.22-30

Then came the Feast of Hanukkah at Jerusalem. It was winter. Jesus was in the temple courtyard walking in Solomon's Porch. The Jews who were gathered there around Jesus spoke to him. They said, "How long will you keep us waiting? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

Jesus answered, "I did tell you. But you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name are a witness for me. But you do not believe, because you are not my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never die. No one will steal them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than anyone. No one can steal them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

**Sermon**

# Prayers for Today

## The Peace

We meet in Christ's name;

**Let us share his peace.**

**Hymn**      **THE KING OF LOVE my Shepherd is,**  
Whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am His  
And He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow  
My ransomed soul He leadeth,  
And where the verdant pastures grow  
With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
But yet in love He sought me,  
And on His shoulder gently laid,  
And home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;  
Thy unction grace bestoweth:  
And O what transport of delight  
From Thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days  
Thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise  
Within Thy house forever.

# 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.

Therefore, with your people 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**

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.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Let us lift up our voice in prayer Jesus taught his disciples

**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**

**God of steadfast love,  
watch over your flock redeemed by the blood of your Son.  
May we who have gathered at this table come safely to your  
eternal kingdom, where there is one flock and one shepherd.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen 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 **THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD, I'll not want.**

He makes me lie in pastures green.  
He leads me by the still, still waters,  
His goodness restores my soul.

And I will trust in You alone.  
And I will trust in You alone,  
For Your endless mercy follows me,  
Your goodness will lead me home.

He guides my ways in righteousness,  
And He anoints my head with oil,  
And my cup, it overflows with joy,  
I feast on His pure delights.

And I will trust in You alone.  
And I will trust in You alone,  
For Your endless mercy follows me,  
Your goodness will lead me home.

And though I walk the darkest path,  
I will not fear the evil one,  
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff  
Are the comfort I need to know.

## 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

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 with an early bird discount. So please do get in touch.



### Join us at the Barnabas Supporters' Meetings being held across Scotland

The twentieth century saw six great ideological movements develop, all of which have sought to crush the Christian faith. How are Christians responding? What should be done to assist them? These issues will be explored by Dr Patrick Sookhdeo, International Director of Barnabas Fund, in the main talk, which will be followed by a Q&A session.

Caroline Kerslake, International Director of Projects, will give an update on how your gifts to Barnabas Fund are supporting our suffering brothers and sisters from around the world.



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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*



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