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Your Weekly News from St Leonard's & St Mary's  
Sunday 24th April 2022 Easter Week 2

# Peace be with you.

In this second week of Easter as the war and conflict continues in Ukraine we are reminded of some of Jesus' earliest resurrection appearances. Jesus just didn't appear once but appeared many times over the next 40 days, to show, to encourage and embed into his disciples the truth that he was indeed alive and that he had defeated death so that we could all be at peace with God.

This peace of Christ is not a worldly peace that is anxiously held between to opposing bodies that can be broken in an instant but a peace that can underpin what we do and how we live as we look towards the future. A secure peace founded on the love of God for you. There will sadly still be times of great challenge. Times when our peace is rocked but we are to trust in the one who has overcome and won the battle of life over death for us.

*Jesus says in John 16 v 33 "I have told you these things, so that you can have peace because of me. In this world you will have trouble. But be encouraged! I have won the battle over the world."*

Be encouraged dear friends that the battle is won, the resurrection of Christ proclaims that there is new life, new hope and a peace with God that will last.

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**      **WHAT A WONDERFUL SAVIOUR IS JESUS,**  
What a wonderful friend is He,  
For He left all the glory of heaven,  
Came to earth to die at Calvary .

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,  
Sing hosanna to the King of kings!  
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,  
Sing hosanna to the King!

He arose from the grave, Hallelujah.  
And He lives never more to die.  
At the Father's right hand interceding,  
He will hear and heed our faintest cry.

He is coming some day to receive us,  
We'll be caught up to heaven above,  
What a joy it will be to behold Him,  
Sing forever of His grace and love.

## 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.

**Collect**

Let us pray

**Almighty and eternal God,  
the strength of those who believe  
and the hope of those who doubt,  
may we, who have not seen,  
have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.**

**Hymn      LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH;**

Lord, I love to sing Your praises.  
I'm so glad You're in my life;  
I'm so glad You came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,  
From the earth to the cross,  
My debt to pay.  
From the cross to the grave,  
From the grave to the sky,  
Lord, I lift Your name on high.

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

John 20 v19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, the disciples were together. They had locked the doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Jesus came in and stood among them. He said, "peace be with you!" Then he showed them his hands and his side.

The disciples were very happy when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, "peace be with you! The Father has sent me. So now I am sending you." He then breathed on them. He 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."

Thomas was not with the other disciples when Jesus came. So they told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "First I must see the nail marks in his hands. I must put my finger where the nails were. I must put my hand into his side. Only then will I believe."

A week later, Jesus' disciples were in the house again. Thomas was with them. Even though the doors were locked, Jesus came in and stood among them. He 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 me but still have believed."

Jesus performed many other signs in front of his disciples. They are not written down in this book.<sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God. If you believe this, you will have life because you belong to him.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

## Talk

## Prayers for Today

**Hymn**      **HERE IS LOVE vast as the ocean,**  
Loving kindness as the flood,  
When the Prince of life, our ransom  
Shed for us His precious blood.  
Who His love will not remember?  
Who can cease to sing His praise?  
He can never be forgotten  
Throughout heaven's eternal days.

On the Mount of Crucifixion  
Fountains opened deep and wide;  
Through the floodgates of God's mercy  
Flowed a vast and gracious tide.  
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,  
Poured incessant from above,  
And heaven's peace and perfect justice  
Kissed a guilty world in love.

## The Baptism

*The Minister begins by reading the promise made to us in Acts 2*

The apostle Peter proclaimed God's call when he urged his hearers:  
"Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ  
for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy  
Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are  
far away, everyone whom the Lord our God may call." Acts 2:38-40

*Those being baptised are then asked:*

Julie do you hear God's call to be Baptised  
**I hear God's call to repent and be baptised**

## Turning to Christ

*The Minister then asks the following questions:*

The Christian life means turning  
from evil and turning to Christ Jesus as our Lord.  
Therefore we ask you these questions

Do you renounce evil?  
**I renounce evil.**

Do you repent of sin?  
**I repent of sin.**

Do you turn to Christ?  
**I turn to Christ.**

Will you follow Christ?  
**I will follow Christ.**

## Profession of Faith

As a church we confess our belief in God,  
as is revealed to us through the Holy Scriptures  
that God is one yet three, the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit.  
Therefore we ask you these questions

Do you believe in God the Father, who made the world?  
**I believe.**

Do you believe in God the Son, who redeemed humanity?  
**I believe.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to God's people?  
**I believe.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith, we believe in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## Commitment to the Christian Life

As a child of God and disciple of Jesus Christ  
will you continue to follow the Apostles' teaching about Jesus  
and will you join in with the fellowship  
and worship of the church family,  
and share with them in the breaking of bread  
and saying of prayer?

**With the help of God, I will.**

Will you proclaim the Good News  
by word and deed, serving Christ in all people?

**With the help of God, I will.**

Will you work for justice and peace  
honouring God in all Creation?

**With the help of God, I will.**

This is the task of the Church.

**This is our task:  
to live and work for the kingdom of God.**

## The Baptism and Anointing

*The Minister then baptises with water saying:*

Julie, I baptise you  
in the name of the Father  
and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*The Minister then anoints with oil saying:*

You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism  
and marked as Christ's forever. **Amen.**

**May the Spirit of God be in you,  
wisdom and understanding keep you,  
the power of God encircle you,  
and God's truth lead you into freedom. Amen.**

## The giving of a light

*The Minister then gives you a candle to remember that Jesus light is with you*

May the light of Christ  
scatter the darkness from your heart and mind

**Christ go before you to guide your steps  
Christ be within you to kindle your vision  
Christ shine from you to give joy to the world.**

## The Church Family Welcome

God has received you by baptism  
into the Church family.

**We welcome you.**

**We will care for you.**

**We will share our faith with you.**

## The Peace

Renewed in the Spirit by baptism  
we meet in Christ's name;

**Let us share his peace.**



## Hymn

### **JESUS, STAND AMONG US**

At the meeting of our lives;  
Be our sweet agreement  
At the meeting of our eyes.  
O Jesus, we love You, so we gather here;  
Join our hearts in unity and take away our fear.

So to You we're gathering  
Out of each and every land;  
Christ the love between us  
At the joining of our hands.  
O Jesus, we love You, so we gather here;  
Join our hearts in unity and take away our fear.

Jesus, stand among us  
At the breaking of the bread;  
Join us as one body  
As we worship You, our Head.  
O Jesus, we love You, so we gather here;  
Join our hearts in unity and take away our fear.

## 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**

**God of resurrection life;  
may we who have received the good news of Christ our Lord  
live together in unity and peace,  
to the praise and glory of your name.  
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    ONE MORE STEP ALONG THE WORLD I GO**

one more step along the world I go;  
from the old things to the new  
keep me travelling along with you:

And it's from the old I travel to the new;  
keep me travelling along with you.

Round the corner of the world I turn,  
more and more about the world I learn;  
all the new things that I see  
you'll be looking at along with me:

As I travel through the bad and good,  
keep me travelling the way I should;  
where I see no way to go  
you'll be telling me the way, I know:

Give me courage when the world is rough,  
keep me loving though the world is tough;  
leap and sing in all I do,  
keep me travelling along with you:

You are older than the world can be,  
you are younger than the life in me;  
ever old and ever new,  
keep me travelling along with you:

## 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 over in the hall**



Saturday 30th April

2-4pm

St Mary's Dalkeith

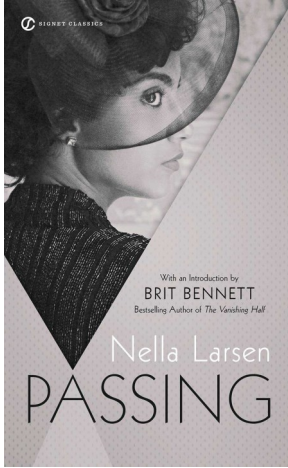


All of us are unique and special in the eyes of God who calls us into his special family "the Church". What is the Church? and What is it for? What part can you play within it? All our gifts, abilities, time and resources can be used within a great family working together to help each other and the community around us. Now what is your gift?

# The Link Book Group



Our latest venture was “Passing”  
by Nella Larsen.



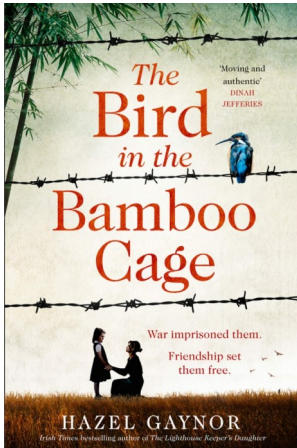
The two main characters were light-skinned Afro-Americans. Irene Redfield is a woman with an enviable life-style which she enjoys with Brian her husband and her two sons. But everything changes dramatically on the day she encounters a long-lost childhood friend. Claire Kendry tells Irene how she left behind the black neighbourhood of her adolescence and began passing herself off for a white girl. Hence the reason the book is called “Passing”. Concealing her true identity everyone including her extremely racist husband considers her to be white.

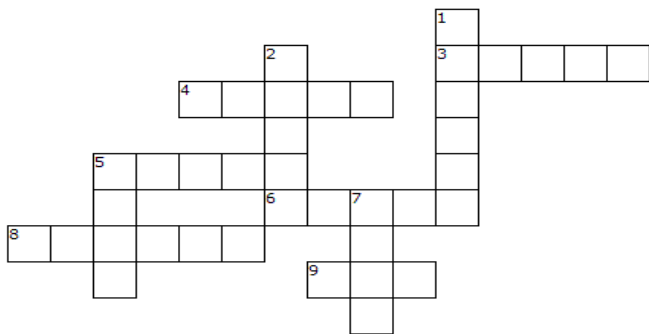
Interestingly this novel was based on the life of the author and was written in 1929 in Harlem, New York. The author is regarded as a writer of what became known as the Harlem Renaissance. The story ends in tragedy as Claire’s husband finds out about her true identity.

The Book Group found that this book tied in well with our previous book “This Lovely City” and emphasised the racial tensions which sadly still exist today. Our next book is “The Bird in the Bamboo Cage” by Hazel Gaynor which we will be bring you a summary of in our next news update.

John Fleming

(The editorial Team would like to apologies to John for not including the Link Book News sooner)





### ACROSS

3. To be in a state of pleasure, satisfaction, joy or delight
4. Free from conflict; getting along with others; opposite of war
5. To be undecided or unbelieving that something is true
6. The body parts at the end of the arms
8. Not open
9. To break God's law

### DOWN

1. The disciple who would not believe without seeing
2. To believe in something for which there is no proof
5. An entrance into a building or room
7. A thin piece of metal with one pointed end and one flat end which you hit with a hammer

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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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