



I am the resurrection and the life!

*Jesus calls us to come out from the darkness of death
and he set us free from the bondage of sin.*

Connect News

Sunday 26th March 2023 St Leonard's

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Welcome

Grace, mercy and peace to you
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ, **Amen.**

Let us pray together

**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
through Christ our Lord. Amen**

Hymn

BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL, O MY SOUL

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before, O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Prayer of Confession

Sovereign Creator,
whose rhythm of life calls us back to you
hear us as we confess our sins and seek to walk afresh with you.

Lord we confess to you and to our fellow members in the body of Christ that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, and in what we have failed to do.

We are truly sorry.

Forgive us our sins, and deliver us from the power of evil.

For the sake of your Son who died for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

First Gospel Reading John 11.1-16 17-45

Now a man named Lazarus was ill. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. (This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay ill, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.) So the sisters sent word to Jesus, 'Lord, the one you love is ill.'

When he heard this, Jesus said, 'This illness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it.' Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed where he was two more days, and then he said to his disciples, 'Let us go back to Judea.'

'But Rabbi,' they said, 'a short while ago the Jews there tried to stone you, and yet you are going back?'

Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Anyone who walks in the day-time will not stumble, for they see by this world's light. It is when a person walks at night that they stumble, for they have no light.'

After he had said this, he went on to tell them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up.' His disciples replied, 'Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better.' Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep.

So then he told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead, and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' Then Thomas (also known as Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

Hymn I WATCH THE SUNRISE LIGHTING THE SKY

Casting its shadows near
And on this morning
Bright though it be
I feel those shadows near me

But you are always close to me
Following all my ways
May I be always close to you
Following all your ways Lord

I watch the sunlight shine through the clouds
Warming the earth below
And at the midday life seems to say
I feel your brightness near me

I watch the sunset, fading away
Lighting the clouds and sea
And as the evening, closes its eyes
I feel your presence near me

Second Gospel Reading John 11: 17-29

On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

'Lord,' Martha said to Jesus, 'if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha answered, 'I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.'

Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?' 'Yes, Lord,' she replied, 'I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.'

After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. 'The Teacher is here,' she said, 'and is asking for you.' When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him.

Hymn JESUS, NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES,
Beautiful Saviour, Glorious Lord;
Emmanuel, God is with us,
Blessèd Redeemer, Living Word.

Third Gospel Reading John 11: 30-45

Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn.

When Mary reached the place where Jesus was, she fell at his feet and said, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. 'Where have you laid him?' he asked. 'Come and see, Lord,' they replied.

Jesus wept.

Then the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. 'Take away the stone,' he said. 'But, Lord,' said Martha, the sister of the dead man, 'by this time there is a bad odour, for he has been there four days.' Then Jesus said, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone.

Then Jesus looked up and said, 'Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.'

When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!'

The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Take off the grave clothes and let him go.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Sermon

Prayers of Intercessions

The Peace

We meet in Christ name,
Let us share his peace

Hymn

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE,

you who comes to Me shall not hunger,
you who believes in Me shall not thirst.
No one can come to Me
Unless the Father beckons

And I will raise you up,
And I will raise you up,
And I will raise you up
on the last day.

The bread that I will give
Is My flesh for the life of the world,
And you who eat of this bread,
You shall live for ever,
you shall live for ever.

I am the resurrection,
I am the life,
you who believe in Me
Even if you die,
you shall live for ever.

Yes, Lord, I believe
That You are the Christ,
The Son of God
Who has come
Into the world.

Offering

Let us present our offerings to the Lord:
Generous God,
accept the offering of your people
for the work of your Kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

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 him thanks and praise.

Maker of light and darkness.

Your wisdom draws beauty from chaos,
brings a harvest out of sorrow
and leads the exiles home.

In Christ your Son enemies are reconciled,
debts forgiven and strangers made welcome.

Your spirit frees us

to live as sons and daughters in our Father's house.

We, who by Christ's power follow the way of the Cross,
sharing the joy of his obedience,
now offer you our praise, with angels and archangels
and the whole company of heaven singing
the hymn of your unending 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.

Glory and thanksgiving be to you,

most loving Father,

for Christ in whom the world is reconciled.

Lifted on the cross,

his suffering and forgiveness

spanned the gulf our sins had made.

Through the dark struggle,
death was swallowed up in victory
that life and light might reign.

Before he was given up to suffering and death,
recalling the night of Israel's release,
the night in which the sons of Egypt died,
your Chosen One, himself the Firstborn,
freely offered up his life.

At supper with his disciples he took bread
and offered you thanks.
He broke the bread, and gave it to them,
saying: 'Take, eat.
This is my Body: it is broken for you.'

After supper he took the cup,
he offered you thanks,
and gave it to them saying:
'Drink this, all of you.
This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all,
that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

**We now obey your Son's command.
We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts
and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.**

Hear us, most merciful Father,
and send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and this wine,
that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,
they may be the body and blood of your son
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom

Help us, who are baptised
into the fellowship of Christ's Body
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love
until at last, in your new creation,
we enter into our heritage
in the company of the Virgin Mary,
the apostles, and prophets,
and of all our brothers and sisters
living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be to you,
Lord of all ages, world without end.
Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The living bread is broken for the life of the world
Lord, unite us in this sign.

Let us pray together as our Lord taught us to pray

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.

Distribution

*All are welcome
to come and receive as we gather at our Lord's table*

Prayer after communion

Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious
and his mercy endures for ever

**God of hope,
in this eucharist we have tasted
the promise of your heavenly banquet
and the richness of eternal life.
May we who bear witness to the death of your Son
also proclaim the glory of his resurrection,
for he is Lord for ever and ever.**

Blessing

Christ crucified draw you to himself,
to find in him a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sins forgiven;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen

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!

The Dismissal

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

*We invite you to join with us for some light refreshments
and fellowship together in the hall.*



Our next Coffee Morning is on
Saturday 1st April
from 10:30 to 12 Noon
pop in for a coffee and chat

Our Swap Shop runs along side
the Coffee at Mary's and this
months Swap theme is
Jewellery and glass wear



Pet Food Bank Tuesday 4th April

St Mary's 10-12

Please do let friends and neighbours who may be struggling with Pet Food bills know that they are welcome to come along and enjoy the warm space of St Mary's, have a cuppa and collect some free food for their pets.

The Pet Foodbank will be regular fixture this year taking place on the 1st Tuesday of every month.

Tuesday's Warm Space, Soup and Roll

Do also remember that St Mary's is open on a Tuesday from 12-2pm for a free Soup and Roll Lunch.

come along and enjoy the warmth and fellowship.

Our original plans were to run till the end of April but if there are willing volunteers we may continue.

Do let us know your thoughts.





Social Committee

The first meeting of the new social committee took place on Wednesday 22/03/23

The aims and objectives of the committee is to plan a series of joint social and fundraising events throughout the year to foster positive relationships and share manpower and

expertise between the two churches and the wider community.

The recent questionnaire regarding social events gave us a good starting point for our initial discussions and planning. We agreed that all fundraising events held jointly will see proceeds divided equally between each church unless they are held for a specific cause such as charity donation, this will be identified beforehand. The events below are still very much in their early planning stages and will give more information as these are progressed but please add those you can to your diary.

Any changes will be intimated in due course.

Alison Bruce & Committee.

***** Coronation Events *****

**Saturday 6th May : 2 – 4pm Coffee & Cake at St Mary's,
(no Coffee @ Marys that morning)**

Sunday 7th May : Bring and share lunch after church at St Leonard's

Diary Dates and Proposed Events

3rd June Summer Fayre and BBQ, Saturday at St Mary's

2nd August : Quiz Night, Dalkeith RFC. TBC

**5th August : St Marys Day A Celebration of St Mary's Day will be held
in place of Coffee@Mary's. Dalkeith**

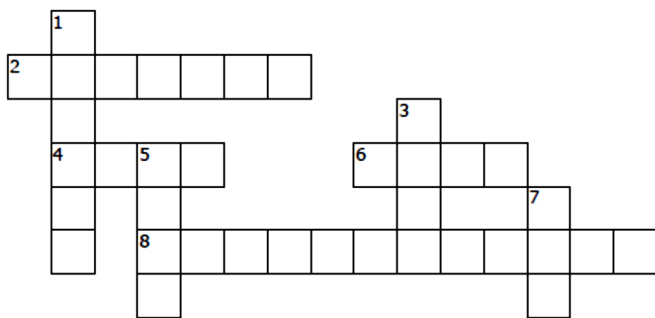
September : Walk and Pub Lunch (TBC)

7th October : Harvest Supper with Entertainment St Leonard's Hall

24th November : St Andrew's Night, Roses Club, (TBC)

2nd December : Christmas Fayre St Marys

8th December : Pathhead Players Pantomime & Meal (TBC)



ACROSS

2. A man that Jesus raised from the dead
4. A place where someone is buried
6. To be physically ill; not well or healthy
8. Rising from the dead or returning to life

DOWN

1. One of Lazarus' two sisters
3. To be alive or have life
5. Woman who poured perfume on Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair
7. To stop living

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JESUS	STONE	DISCIPLES	LIFE	BELIEVE
PRAYED	WEEPING	GLORY	MARTHA	RISE
ENTRANCE	LOVE	DEATH	TOMB	SLEEP



Holy Week

Palm Sunday Evening Worship

Sunday 2nd April 6pm at the Full Gospel Church

Morning Prayer Monday to Friday 8am Pitcairn Centre

Maundy Thursday Worship

Ecumenical Eucharist at St Nicholas Buccleuch Church 7.30pm

Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar at St Leonard's 7.30pm

Good Friday

10.30am St Mary's Dalkeith Act of Witness

2pm Bonnyrigg Cross Act of Witness

Stations of the Cross, St David's Dalkeith 7.30pm

Good Friday Evening Choral Song Cockpen Church 7pm

Easter Morning

7.30am Easter Celebration Kings Park Dalkeith
followed by light breakfast at StJKP church.



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