It is finished!

He is risen!

St Leonard's & St Mary's Easter Sunday 2024

The Easter acclamation

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

Processional Hymn

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY; Hallelujah! Our triumphant holy day; Hallelujah! Who did once upon the cross; Hallelujah! Suffer to redeem our loss; Hallelujah!

Hymns of praise then let us sing; Hallelujah! Unto Christ our heavenly King; Hallelujah! Who endured the cross and grave; Hallelujah! Sinners to redeem and save: Hallelujah!

But the pains which He endured; Hallelujah! Our salvation have procured; Hallelujah! Now in heaven above He's King; Hallelujah! Where the angels ever sing: Hallelujah!

The Renewal of Baptism Vows

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, we remember that through the paschal mystery we too have died and been buried with him in baptism, so that we may rise with him into eternal life.

So let us renew our baptismal promises, affirming our allegiance to Christ, and our rejection of all that is evil.

Therefore I ask these questions:

Do you turn to Christ? I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins? I repent of my sins.

Do you renounce evil? I renounce evil.

Affirmation of Faith

let us affirm our faith as we say together.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; and ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come to judge the living and the dead

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn during the singing of the hymn you are welcome to come and cross yourself with the water from the font as a sign of your renewal.

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 Collect

Lord of life and power, through the mighty resurrection of your Son you have overcome the old order of sin and death and have made all things new in him. May we, being dead to sin and alive in Christ, reign with him in glory, who with you, and the Holy Spirit, is alive, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Reading from Colossians 3.1-4

Since, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Hymn IN CHRIST ALONE MY HOPE IS FOUND

He is my light, my strength, my song This Cornerstone, this solid ground Firm through the fiercest drought and storm What heights of love, what depths of peace When fears are stilled, when strivings cease My Comforter, my All in All Here in the love of Christ I stand In Christ alone, who took on flesh Fullness of God in helpless babe This gift of love and righteousness Scorned by the ones He came to save 'Till on that cross as Jesus died The wrath of God was satisfied For every sin on Him was laid Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay Light of the world by darkness slain Then bursting forth in glorious Day Up from the grave He rose again And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost it's grip on me For I am His and He is mine Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death This is the power of Christ in me From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny No power of hell, no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from His hand 'Till He returns or calls me home Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

The Gospel Mark 16 v1-8

Alleluia, hear the Good News of our risen saviour Glory to Christ our Saviour, hallelujah

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body.

Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very

large, had been rolled away.

As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go now and tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you."

Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

At end: give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel **Praise to Christ our Lord.**

Sermon

Hymn MAJESTY, worship His majesty, Unto Jesus be glory, honour and praise. Majesty, kingdom authority, Flow from His throne unto His own, His anthem raise.

> So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus, Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the King. Majesty, worship His majesty, Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

Intercessions

The Peace

As the risen Lord came and stood among his disciples he shared his peace with them and said, Peace be with you.

May the peace of the Lord be always with you and also with you.

Hymn BEHOLD THE LAMB who bears our sins away slain for us, and we remember the promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the king

The body of our saviour Jesus Christ, torn for you, eat and remember; the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one. So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the king

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you, drink and remember, He drained death's cup that all may enter in, to receive the life of God. So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the king

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise, to respond and to remember,

our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth As we share in His suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King

Offering

Let us present our offerings to the Lord. Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own we give you.

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. Worship and praise belong to you, Author of all being. Your power sustains, your love restores, our broken world. You are unceasingly at work from chaos bringing order and filling emptiness with life.

Christ, raised from the dead, proclaims the dawn of hope, He lives in us that we may walk in light.

Your Spirit is fire in us, your breath is power to purge our sin and warm our hearts to love.

As children of your redeeming purpose, freed by him who burst from the tomb and opened the gate of life, we 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

Praise and thanksgiving be to you, Lord of all, for by the Cross eternal life is ours and death is swallowed up in victory.

In the first light of Easter glory broke from the tomb and changed the women's sorrow into joy. From the Garden the mystery dawned that he whom they had loved and lost is with us now in every place for ever.

Making himself known in the breaking of the bread, speaking peace to the fearful disciples, welcoming weary fishers on the shore, he renewed the promise of his presence, and of new birth in the Spirit Before he was given up to suffering and death, recalling the great Passover feast of the first covenant our Lord took bread and gave 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, they may be to us the body and blood of your redeeming love , and that 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 the Bread

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

Lord's Prayer

As Christ has taught us so we pray

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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Distribution of Communion

Everyone is invited to 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

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still afar off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, and opened up for us the gates of glory.

Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other; through Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Alleluia, Amen

Blessing

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

May God the Father, who raised his son from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and always. Amen.

Hymn THINE BE THE GLORY, risen, conquering Son;

Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won. Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, Kept the folded grave-clothes where Thy body lay.

> Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son; Endless is the victory, Thou o'er death hast won!

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb! Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom. Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life; Life is naught without Thee: aid us in our strife; Make us more than conquerors, through Thy deathless love; Lead us in Thy triumph to Thy home above.

Dismissal

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

HAPPY EASTER

Events and Activities for your Diary

We thank the Social Committee for organising some of these events in response to the recent survey and requests for your ideas for social events. Although the date for submitting ideas to the group in time for their planning meeting has now past if you would like to help organise an event do please get in touch.

Coffee at St Mary's and Community Swap Shop Saturday 6th April 10.30am to 12 Noon

This month's Swap Shop Theme: Spring Cleaning!

What's at the back of the cupboard? Something someone else could use. Cookery books, kitchen items, toiletries, E.g. hardly worn clothes in good condition, Bric a brac, books, paperbacks, fashion items. (Unfortunately, we cannot accept electrical items).

Film Night "The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry" Friday 12th April 7.30pm at St Leonard's Hall

Come and enjoy a film night with friends with snacks and drinks too.

Church Meal at the Coronation Inn, Gorebridge Friday 26th April 7pm, Sign up today, £10 initial deposit required.

We are pre-ordering our menu choices in advance of the evening so that Food will be prepared for our arrival. Sign up today so we can distribute the menu and collate the order. Thank You.

Men's Social Night at Tiger Lotus, Dalkeith Friday 17th May from 7pm.

Sign up and let us know your coming along.

