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St Leonard's & St Mary's
Fourth Sunday of Easter
21st April 24

THIS IS HOW WE KNOW
WHAT LOVE IS:
JESUS CHRIST
LAID DOWN HIS
LIFE FOR US.
-1 JOHN 3:16



The Easter acclamation

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

Confession & Absolution

God so loved the world that he gave his Son.
Anyone who believes in him will not die,
but will have eternal life.
Therefore let us confess our sins in penitence
and with faith in the risen Lord:

**Risen Lord who meets with us today,
we confess that we have sinned
and not loved as you would have us love.
Have mercy upon us and renew us
with your forgiveness and amazing grace.**

God who has raised Christ from the dead,
accepts the atonement made for our sins.
He forgives us and frees us from our sin,
he heals and restores us by His Spirit,
and raises us with Christ our Lord.

Amen

**Gloria Gloria, Gloria, In excelsis Deo
 Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia**

The Collect

**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.**

Amen

Reading from 1 John 3.16-24

This is how we know what love is:

Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?

Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him.

And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

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.

The Gospel John 10.11-18

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

Jesus said "I am the good shepherd.
The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. I lay down my life for the sheep.

I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life, only to take it up again.

No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

Alleluia give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel
Alleluia we give praise to Christ our Lord.

Sermon

Prayers of Intercessions

The Peace

As the risen Lord stood amongst 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 evermore.**

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
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 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!

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.

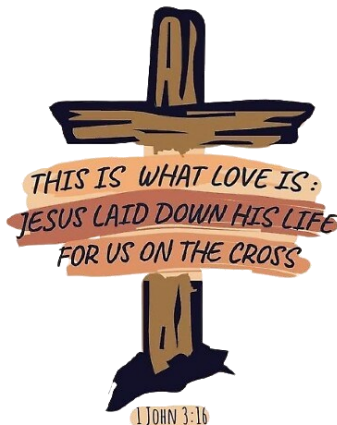
And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen!

*Do please join with us for refreshments
and fellowship at the end of our service.*



Calendar of Events

The following dates are for your diary. Some still need to be confirmed.

If a sign up sheet is put out please sign up and let us know your intention to attend as soon as possible. It stops events being cancelled because we think there is no interest! Also some events may have a maximum capacity.

April

12th April - Film night, St Leonard's Hall, 7.30pm

The unlikely pilgrimage of Harold Fry

26th April - Church Meal, Coronation Inn, 7pm

menu to follow, £10 per person deposit required.

May

17th May - Men's Night - Tiger Lotus, Dalkeith - 7pm

Bluebell Walk - to be confirmed

Quiz - to be confirmed

June

1st June - Summer Fair & BBQ, St Mary's 10am-2pm

Ladies Afternoon tea - details to be confirmed

July

28th July - Strawberry Tea - details to be confirmed.



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Our Rector's day off is usually a Monday