

Connect

St Leonard's & St Mary's
Second Sunday of Easter
7th April 24



Peace be with you

What is the true meaning of Easter?

Standing before Jesus Pilate asks "what is truth?". Jesus says "You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

The truth about Easter is that it is a message and gift of the love to us from God. Through the gift of Christ Jesus, his death and resurrection, we who were separated from God are now forgiven and can live at peace with God.

On the day of resurrection Jesus stands before his disciples, his followers, and says "Peace be with you." Even today in our worship we note that by the presence of the Holy Spirit, Jesus stands before us and offers us his peace.

In the Bible, Jesus said of himself, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me". The truth of Easter is that Jesus died and rose back to life so everyone can have a right relationship with God the Father, the Creator of the Universe.

Sin broke that relationship, but Jesus repaired it. Because of Jesus' victory over death by coming back to life, we too can experience a new beginning, a new life, everlasting life in Heaven with God. But not only does Jesus offer us a promise for the future, he also offers everyone hope and joy for today.

When the world causes us stress about the cost of living and health concerns, anxiety over safety, heartache, dissatisfaction, fear and many other crises or negative feelings, Jesus offers us something greater and deeper.

He offers us a promise of peace.

Jesus says, "I am leaving you with a gift — peace of mind and heart!" And the peace he gives isn't fragile like the peace the world gives that is given one moment then fades away. It is a lasting offer of peace through the storms and joys of all our lives. Jesus is risen, Jesus is alive, Jesus is with us.

It means that whatever life involves, we can have hope and peace. The truth, Jesus' life, death and resurrection mean you are deeply loved, and you are not alone in your struggles. Jesus promise of peace is steady and everlasting. It's up to us to choose to accept it as a gift, an Easter gift of love.

with love from Peter

The Easter acclamation

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Hymn **JESUS IS LORD! Creation's voice proclaims it,**
For by His power each tree and flower was planned and made.
Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it,
Sun, moon and stars in heaven cry, 'Jesus is Lord!'

Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!
Praise Him with hallelujahs, for Jesus is Lord!

Jesus is Lord! Yet from His throne eternal
In flesh He came to die in pain on Calvary's tree.
Jesus is Lord! From Him all life proceeding,
Yet gave His life a ransom thus setting us free.

Jesus is Lord! O'er sin the mighty conqueror,
From death He rose, and all His foes shall own His name.
Jesus is Lord! God sent His Holy Spirit
To show by works of power that Jesus is Lord.

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

**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.
Amen**

Reading from 1st John 1.1-2.2

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched, this we proclaim concerning the Word of life.

The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We write this to make our joy complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

Hymn **HE IS LORD, He is Lord,**
He is risen from the dead
And He is Lord.
Every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord.

The Gospel John 20.19-31

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

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and 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."

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

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and 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 and yet have believed."

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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

Prayers of 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 **BLESSED ASSURANCE, Jesus is mine:**
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God;
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Saviour all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Saviour all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Saviour am happy and blessed;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

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
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 **SING TO GOD NEW SONGS of worship:**

All His deeds are marvellous;
He has brought salvation to us
With His hand and holy arm:
He has shown to all the nations
Righteousness and saving power;
He recalled His truth and mercy
To His people Israel.

Sing to God new songs of worship:
Earth has seen His victory;
Let the lands of earth be joyful
Praising Him with thankfulness:
Sound upon the harp His praises,
Play to Him with melody;
Let the trumpets sound His triumph,
Show your joy to God the King!

Sing to God new songs of worship:
Let the sea now make a noise;
All on earth and in the waters
Sound your praises to the Lord:
Let the hills be joyful together,
Let the rivers clap their hands,
For with righteousness and justice
He will come to judge the earth.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen!

HAPPY EASTER

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.



St Leonard's Sunday 10am

stleonardslasswade.org.uk

St Mary's Sunday 10am

stmarysdalkeith.org.uk

Find us on  **@StLandM**

Church Office & Rectory

11 Peacock Parkway Bonnyrigg EH193RQ

 **0131 663 7000** or email  **office.stlandm@gmail.com**

Both Churches are registered Charities

St Leonard's Episcopal Church: Lasswade SC014151

St Mary's Episcopal Church: Dalkeith SC001677

Our Rector's day off is usually a Monday