

Sunday 26th April – Easter 3



With us all being in lockdown and with no church services we can stay together by sharing what would be our church service each Sunday, with the Collect, Psalm and Readings and also of course a Prayer List.

Please pray for the following throughout the coming week

Ian and Linda Smith, Mike Lukey, Win Smith, Sandi Richardson, Frances Allen, Dave Sturgess, Olivia Hodkinson, Rosemary Dixon, Jeanette and David Burton, baby Louie Syddall, June Llewellyn, Suzee Moore, Padmesh Gartaula, Stan Keevil, David and Sue Walker, Barbara Symons, along with those mentioned in our remembrance book. We pray also for strength and grace for those who carry the burden of care.

We remember our student congregation and those who live alone who may be finding it particularly difficult presently.

We remember those who have departed and those who mourn their loss.

Please contact the Wardens to include persons to be remembered in our prayers

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Collect:

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **AMEN**

Post Communion:

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **AMEN**

First Reading: Acts 2: 14a, 36-41 (NRSV)

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Psalm 116: 1-3, 10-17 (Common Worship)

1 I love the Lord, for he has heard the voice of my supplication; because he inclined his ear to me on the day I called to him.

2 The snares of death encompassed me; the pains of hell took hold of me; by grief and sorrow was I held.

3 Then I called upon the name of the Lord: 'O Lord, I beg you, deliver my soul.'

10 How shall I repay the Lord for all the benefits he has given to me?

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord.

12 I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

13 Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful servants.

14 O Lord, I am your servant, your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

15 I will offer to you a sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord.

16 I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,

17 In the courts of the house of the Lord, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Alleluia.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1: 17-23 (NRSV)

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 24: 13-35 (NRSV)

Two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

NOTICES

Thursday morning Praise e-Service

As it seems likely that we will be unable to hold services at St Andrew's for the foreseeable future, **Thursday Morning Praise** is going to continue as an e-service. Steve Bishop has kindly prepared Morning Praise e-Services and that means regular attendees at that service will be emailed a full service text including Scripture readings, a (short) talk and prayer suggestions.

If you do not regularly attend the Thursday service but would like to partake please send an email to Steve at <u>stevebrcs@yahoo.co.uk</u> so that he can include you.