

St John's Malone, The Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday 18th April 2021 at 10.30am ~ Worship Sheet



Christ Appears to the Disciples at the Table after the Resurrection

Panel from the Maesta Altarpiece of Siena 1308-1311 Artist: Duccio, di Buoninsegna, d. 1319.

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The Gathering of God's People

THE GREETING

Christ is risen! **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Welcome *A sentence of scripture may be read (see pages 78-82), and the presiding minister may introduce the liturgy of the day.*

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.

PENITENCE

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your mind.
This is the first and great commandment.
And the second is like it.
You shall love your neighbour as yourself
On these two commandments depend all the law
and the prophets. *Matthew 22: 37-39*

**Lord, have mercy on us,
and write these your laws in our hearts.**

The Confession is introduced with appropriate words, such as:

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ, to save us from our sins, to intercede for us in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Silence

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned in thought and word and deed,
and in what we have left undone.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may walk in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

The priest pronounces the Absolution:

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you,
+pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
Give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened
and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

THE FIRST READING

1 John 3: 1-7

³See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he^{*} is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL

Gradual Hymn 104 'O for a thousand tongues to sing' (Choir and congregation) *Members of the congregation stand to sing quietly behind their face masks.*

THE GOSPEL READING

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ,
according to Luke chapter 24 beginning at verse 36

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 24: 36b-48

Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.* ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

44 Then he said to them, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’ 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, 46 and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah* is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, 47 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Lord, in your mercy: or Lord, hear us:
hear our prayer. **Lord, Graciously hear us.** Or another
versicle or response is used.

At the end of the Intercessions the following may be used when appropriate:

Merciful Father, **accept these our prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

or other suitable words

THE PEACE

The presiding minister introduces the Peace with suitable words:

*followed by: Those watching the recorded service from home are invited to share
the Peace with those next to them.*

Sentence

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

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

The table may be prepared by a deacon or lay people.

The gifts of money may be left on the alms dish on the table when leaving the building at the north door.

AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

The bread and wine shall be placed on the table for the communion if this has not already been done and a prayer may be said

Prayer of Preparation

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Stand

The bishop or priest who presides takes the bread and wine and may say

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us
therefore let us celebrate the feast.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Prayer 1

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Father, almighty and everliving God,

at all times and in all places

it is right to give you thanks and praise:

Above all we praise you

for the glorious resurrection of your Son

Jesus Christ our Lord,

the true paschal lamb who was sacrificed for us;

by dying he destroyed our death;

by rising he restored our life:

And so with all your people,

with angels and archangels,

and with all the company of heaven,

we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

**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!**

Blessed are you, Father,
the creator and sustainer of all things;
you made us in your own image,
male and female you created us;
even when we turned away from you,
you never ceased to care for us,
but in your love and mercy you freed us from the slavery of sin,
giving your only begotten Son to become man
and suffer death on the cross to redeem us;
he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world:
he instituted,
and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue,
a perpetual memory of his precious death
until he comes again:

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat,
this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you,
for this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we do as Christ your Son commanded:

**we remember his passion and death,
we celebrate his resurrection and ascension,
and we look for the coming of his kingdom.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts,
grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit
that we may be made one in your holy Church
and partakers of the body and blood of your Son,
that he may dwell in us and we in him:

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
**all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The presiding minister says

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

**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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The presiding minister (who may be assisted by the deacon) breaks the
consecrated bread in preparation for the Communion*

The bread which we break
is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**We being many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

The following anthem may be said or sung after the Breaking of the Bread or during the Communion

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us. (sung)

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, Redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

Words of Invitation

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ which was given for you, preserve your body and soul to eternal life.

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which was shed for you, preserve your body and soul to eternal life.

Holy Communion will be administered in one kind in your pew. You may sit to receive. Please leave your mask on until the priest has moved away. Holy Communion will be administered in the nave first, followed by those in the north transept and side chapel.

Choir Motet: Risen Lord – Barry Rose

THE COMMUNION for those who will not be receiving the sacrament at this time the following may be said privately:-

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen. *~after the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester*

THE GREAT SILENCE

Hymn 652 'Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us'. *Members of the congregation stand to sing quietly behind their face masks.*

Going Out as God's People

PRAYER AFTER 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 with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All say

Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out [*Strengthen us*] in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

DISMISSAL

The presiding minister says the seasonal blessing,
...and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of the risen Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Organ: Trumpet Voluntary – John Stanley

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*Please wait in your pew until directed to leave by the stewards. The exit is via the north porch in the one way system. **The alms dish and worship sheet deposit box are on the way out on the table in the north transept.***

READINGS:

John 3:1-7: Because of God's love, we are God's children, and we have hope that when we see Christ we will be like him. Therefore, we resist sin and seek to live in righteousness as Jesus is righteous.

Luke 24:36b-48: Jesus appears to the disciples, showing them his hands and feet, and eating a piece of bread to prove that he is not a ghost. Then he shows them how he has fulfilled the Scriptures, and he calls them to proclaim repentance and faith in Christ as his witnesses.

REFLECTIONS ON THEME:

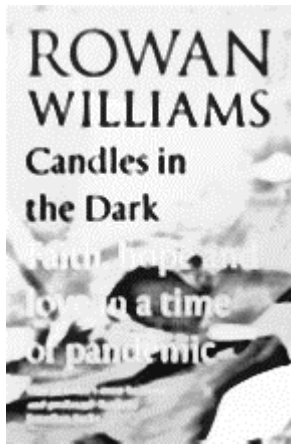
If there was ever any doubt that God expects the resurrection to have an impact on how we live, this week's Lectionary readings should lay it to rest. All of the readings are very clear that, because of God's work in our lives, we should live differently, and we should be witnesses to God's grace and love. John's letter teaches, in a clear and direct way, that following Christ has to change how we live, with sin no longer being welcome in our lives, and Christ's righteousness being the pattern by which we now live. In the Gospel reading from Luke, Jesus challenges his disciples, who are now witnessing him as the Risen One, to believe and to be witnesses that call others to repent and believe and find life in Christ. The implication this week is that, as all of these biblical witnesses teach, we are also called to become witnesses to Christ, changing our own lives to live as true Christ-followers and calling others to repent, believe, and find life.

Notices:

- Toilets are available for use. Follow the one way system to use them. Please leave them as you'd wish to find them and take the necessary hand hygiene seriously, remembering to turn off the tap with a paper towel. The disinfectant spray supplied should be used on the toilet seat and flush handle after use.
- Under GDPR guidance we need to tell you that we will be recording the service and/or livestreaming. The camera will point towards the nave altar and pulpit and not towards the congregation although those coming to and from the side areas will be in the camera view for a short time.
- Thank you for your compliance and co-operation whilst we worship safely together.
- A service of Compline is livestreamed on 'St John's Malone' Facebook every Wednesday evening at 7.30pm. if you do not have a Prayer Book at home, ask the churchwardens and they will supply you with one from church. BCP pg.154. Alternatively you'll find it on the Church of Ireland website Worship section BCP 2004 texts. The service has a recurring link for Zoom.
- Access to the suite of church halls is still strictly limited. Contact the Rector before entering the halls or church and follow the necessary hygiene and cleansing precautions. For the purposes of tracking and tracing complete the register in the white files provided in each hall thank you.
- **Next Sunday**, Easter \$ 10.30am Holy Eucharist in church. No need to register.
- Zoom Café continues at 11.30am on Sundays
- **Easter Book Group – Candles in the dark.** Faith, hope and love in a time of pandemic by Rowan Williams.

An opportunity to reflect on a year of Covid19 and Lockdowns using this book on what we've experienced and learnt is offered to any parishioner who would like to join this discussion time. One to two chapters per week will be used as a springboard for discussion for five evenings on consecutive Tuesdays at 7.30pm on Zoom starting on Tuesday 13th April. If you find it difficult to obtain the book, the short chapters under consideration may be copied to you until that's possible. Here is the link to the publisher's online bookshop and it is available here in paperback, ebook and audio.

<https://spckpublishing.co.uk/candles-in-the-dark>



It's also available here from The Bookwell, a local religious bookshop on the Belmont Road and is on sale there at £7.99

<https://www.thebookwell.co.uk/candles-in-the-dark/>

Topic: Zoom Easter Book Group

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75965702302?pwd=dEFhcHk4SCttR2pVbDh5cDdPaTJiZz09>

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ST JOHN'S SOCIAL MEDIA / WEB

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Please PRINT your name and the names of any accompanying you today and supply a phone number to enable tracking and tracing. If you become ill with any symptoms of Covid19 *and are subsequently tested positive*, please contact the Rector as soon as possible and follow government guidelines. Deposit this sheet in the box in the porch on the way out. Thank you.

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DATE:

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Please disperse on leaving the church.