



# St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Kelso

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**"Socially Distant, Spiritually Close"**

**Sunday April 18<sup>th</sup> 2021  
Third Sunday of Easter**

Church services have resumed on Wednesdays at 10am (1982 Liturgy) and Sundays at 8.30am (Scottish Prayer Book) and 10am.(1982 Liturgy) .Numbers will be limited to 40 to maintain social distancing. Our online services will continue to be provided via these links.

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## **Today's Services:**

**8.30am: Preacher and Celebrant: The Rev'd Dr Ian Clark**

**10am: Preacher: The Rev'd Dr Ian Clark,  
Celebrant The Rev'd Grace Redpath,**

**Liturgy of the Word The Rev'd Canon Bob King.**

**Online Service: Preacher: Moira Edwardson, Lay Reader**

**Celebrant: The Rev'd Grace Redpath**

**Liturgy of the Word: The Rev'd Canon Bob King**

So, welcome to our services, wherever and however you join us, and remember that Grace and I are available at any time to talk on the phone or Facetime or Messenger or Text.

With my love and prayers,  
Bob

**The Peace of the Lord be always with us.**

**Opening Hymn: O, for a thousand tongues to sing**

**1 O for a thousand tongues to sing  
my dear Redeemer's praise,  
my dear Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace,( x3)**

**2. Jesus, the name that charms our fears,  
that bids our sorrows cease,  
that bids our sorrows cease;  
'tis music in the sinner's ears,  
tis life and health and peace. (x3)**

**3. He breaks the pow'r of cancelled sin,  
he sets the pris'ner free,  
he sets the pris'ner free;  
his blood can make the foulest clean;  
his blood availed for me. (x3)**

**4. He speaks, and list'ning to his voice,  
new life the dead receive,  
new life the dead receive,  
the mournful broken hearts rejoice,  
the humble poor believe. (x3)**

**5. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,  
your loosened tongues employ,  
your loosened tongues employ;  
ye blind, behold your Saviour come;  
and leap, ye lame, for joy! (x3)**

**6. My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
assist me to proclaim  
and spread through all the earth abroad  
the honours of thy name. (x3)**

## **The Liturgy of the Word and Intercessions The Rev'd Canon Bob King**

### **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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### **The Summary of the Law**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this:

"Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.

You shall love the Lord your God  
with all your heart, with all your soul,  
with all your mind  
and with all your strength."

The second is this:

"Love your neighbour as yourself."

There is no other commandment greater than these.

**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

### **Confession and Absolution**

God is love and we are his children.

There is no room for fear in love.

We love because he loved us first.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**God our Father, we confess to you  
and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ  
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do.**

**We are truly sorry.**

**Forgive us our sins, and deliver us from the power of evil,  
for the sake of your Son who died for us,  
Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen**

God, who is both power and love,  
forgive us and free us from our sins,  
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,  
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. Amen

## **Gloria**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his 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 Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

## **Collect**

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 your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## **Intercessions**

**Bob** will lead prayers for the Church and the World, and we are invited to bring our own concerns before God, including:

**Coronavirus:** all who are suffering from it, worrying about it, treating it, researching it, and all who are working to keep us safe, and keep us fed.

**Sickness:** Gill Orde, in hospital

**Those whose anniversaries of death fall at this time, including :** William Kinghorn, Rory Machin, Stuart Hogg, Adelaide Anthony, Robert Jack, Robert Stephenson, Thomas Robertson, John Cottrell, Agnes Forbes, Esme Margerison, and all who mourn them.

**Readings:  
Acts 3: 12-19**

- <sup>12</sup> Peter addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?  
<sup>13</sup> The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him.  
<sup>14</sup> But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup> and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses.  
<sup>16</sup> And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.  
<sup>17</sup> And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers.  
<sup>18</sup> In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer.  
<sup>19</sup> Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.'

**This is the Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God**

**The Gospel  
This is the Gospel of Our Lord according to Luke 24: 36b-48  
Glory to Christ our Saviour**

- <sup>36</sup> While the eleven and their companions were talking about what they had heard, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'  
<sup>37</sup> They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost.  
<sup>38</sup> He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?  
<sup>39</sup> Look 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.'  
<sup>40</sup> And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.  
<sup>41</sup> While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?'  
<sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate in their presence.  
<sup>44</sup> 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.'  
<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup> 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, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.  
<sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things.'

**Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel  
Praise to Christ our Lord**

## Reflection: Moira Edwardson, Lay Reader

Here we are in Eastertide- 50 days of unremitting joy- as I have heard it described by Bishop Kevin Pearson when he was priest at St Michael's and All Saints, Edinburgh! 50 days of unremitting joy!

It's when in normal times, pre Covid, we would sing the Gloria with great gusto having been deprived of it all throughout Lent. Joy and praise resounding in our Churches.

How we long for the singing of hymns, worship songs and settings of the Eucharist, such an important part of our worship.

Hopefully it will not be too long before we are allowed to sing in Church again.

Easter is the most important celebration in the Church's year.

Let's be clear, without Easter there would be no Church, no Christianity, no Christians. The resurrection of Jesus is the pivotal moment in the history of our faith.

Our gospel readings over these first three weeks of Easter have recounted Jesus' resurrection appearances.

The first his appearing to Mary Magdalene outside the tomb, the second his appearing to the disciples in the locked room and again a week later when Thomas was there too and today his appearing again to the disciples when they were all talking about Jesus having appeared to two disciples on the road to Emmaus.

I must just share with you something rather profound that came from the mouth of a nine-year-old boy in a RE lesson. He asked- do you think that the ointment the women brought to the tomb to anoint the body was the myrrh that was given to Mary by the wise men? Had she kept it all those years for this?

We do not know of course, but it is a wonderful thought and something I found very moving.

The accounts of the resurrection appearances are recorded -as the writer of John's gospel says- "so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; believe and you will have life through His Name."

Do you believe?

Last week we heard Jesus say to Thomas "You believe because you see me, happy are those who have not seen and believe."

I've said it before and I'll say it again- I take heart when I read of the disciples and their doubts and fears, disbelief and lack of understanding. They had been with Jesus throughout his ministry, they had heard him preach, they had seen him perform miracles- and yet they still had difficulty in understanding what he said and what was happening. They still had difficulty in believing. It is not surprising then, that we, 2000 + years later, might have difficulty in understanding or believing.

Jesus was patient with them no matter how often he had to explain things and he is patient with us. It's ok for us to have doubts or questions. We shouldn't be afraid to admit that to ourself- or to others. I would venture that very few of us have not had times of doubt and questioning.

The disciples were very afraid after Jesus had been crucified. They were hiding- they were scared of the Jews- scared that they too would be put to death because they were followers of Jesus. They were still afraid and they still did not believe that Jesus was alive when Mary told them that she had met the risen Christ. They began to believe when Jesus appeared to them in the locked room, but they still had their doubts when he appeared to them again – thinking that he was a ghost- needing reassurance that he was flesh and blood- which he demonstrated by inviting them to touch him and by eating some fish in front of them.

Jesus patiently helping them to believe, helping them to understand the scriptures (again) that pointed to his death **and resurrection**.

Now they believe. Christ died and has risen.

Now they are to be witnesses to this and to proclaim repentance and forgiveness of sins in His name after they receive power from above.

We hear of the disciples beginning this work when they received the power of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, which filled them, gave them gifts and sent them out to proclaim the resurrection, to be witnesses to that resurrection and to proclaim Jesus as Messiah.

In our reading from the Acts of the Apostles which follows the healing of a crippled man, Peter again refers to himself and the other apostles as witnesses to Christ's resurrection and calls people to repent, turn to God and be forgiven.

Jesus called his apostles to be the official witnesses of His Gospel and Jesus calls **us** to be witnesses to this Good News too.

In our baptism we receive the Holy Spirit and through the water of baptism we die to sin are born to a new life in Christ.

We are not alone in this new life.

Jesus walks with us on our spiritual journey. We meet Him in prayer, in the Bible, in the Church, in other people and in the Eucharist.

The Church gives us the interpretation of scripture so that we can discover the thread connecting various events and to understand God's plan for us, His people.

The Church gives us the Eucharist. We can come close to Jesus in conversation and meditating on His word but He makes Himself known in a different way when we share the bread which is His body.

And being fed, we are called to feed others.

In this time of pandemic, we, as individuals and as Churches, have been challenged to find new ways to witness to our communities and further afield.

It has been a time of re birth, growth and mission- a silver lining to a very dark cloud.

The Holy Spirit empowers us so that through our life, our words and our actions we can proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ who died and rose again to save us all.

Yes, we have a Gospel to proclaim!

### **Hymn: We have a gospel to proclaim**

**1. We have a gospel to proclaim,  
good news for all throughout the earth;  
the gospel of a Saviour's name:  
we sing his glory, tell his worth.**

**2. Tell of his birth at Bethlehem,  
not in a royal house or hall,  
but in a stable dark and dim,  
the Word made flesh, a light for all.**

**3. Tell of his death at Calvary,  
hated by those he came to save;  
in lonely suff'ring on the cross:  
for all he loved, his life he gave.**

4. Tell of that glorious Easter morn,  
empty the tomb, for he was free;  
he broke the pow'r of death and hell  
that we might share his victory.
5. Tell of his reign at God's right hand,  
by all creation glorified.  
He sends his Spirit on his Church  
to live for him, the Lamb who died.
6. Now we rejoice to name him King;  
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
This gospel-message we proclaim:  
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

**The Service continues with Eucharistic Prayer 4  
Celebrated for us by The Rev'd Grace Redpath**

**Please join in the Communion anyway you would like to.**

**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, now and for ever.

**Hymn: Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord**

*Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,  
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.*

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
he is the King of creation.
2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth.  
Jesus has died and is risen.
3. We have been crucified with Christ.  
Now we shall live for ever.
4. God has proclaimed the just reward:  
'Life for us all, alleluia!'
5. Come, let us praise the living God,  
joyfully sing to our Saviour.

## **Blessing**

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**

**So, let us all go – or stay –in peace, to love and serve the Lord,  
wherever and however we can.  
In the name of Christ. Amen**

## **NEWS**

**The BBC Radio 4 Service which Rev'd Pip Blackledge, Claire Nicholson and Rev'd Grace Redpath were due to lead last Sunday from Holy Trinity, Melrose, has been re-scheduled and you can hear it this Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, at 8.10am on BBC Radio 4.**