

St John's, Pevensey Road



Pews News & Service Sheet for Sunday 4th April 2021

EASTER DAY



Welcome to our Parish Mass service today - also viewable later via the Broadcast Page of our church website www.stjohnspevenseyroad.org.uk/broadcast

St John's is still routinely closed for private prayer for the time being. The Midweek Mass will not be restarting until further notice.

Sunday Parish Mass is held at 10:30 a.m. with a socially-distanced congregation; recorded and broadcast via our church website, by about Sunday lunchtime.

Online "Zoom" service: 10 a.m. on Wednesday. Send Rev Jill or Deacon Michael an email and they will send you the necessary "link".

People for whom our prayers are asked:

Jean & Geoff, Geraldine, Brenda R, Jane G, Jo, Amber, Shirley, Andrew N, Kath Q, Linda, Jude, Alison Nunes, Jackie A, Don F, and Sue T.

Please pray also for...

...the repose of the souls of the recently departed, especially Sandra Parnell and Ralph Thompson,

...those whose Years Minds fall around this time:

Sophie Taylor, Peter Howorth, Vera Sheppard, and Edna Wheeler,

...and all who mourn.

Our Annual Meetings

The Annual Meeting for the Election of Churchwardens and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held this year on Sunday 25 April after the 10:30 Mass, and last about 45 minutes. It would be great to see as many as safely possible at these meetings which are important for the running of St John's.

If you are unable to attend but would like to see the Annual Report, please email Tina Garton on admstjohns30@gmail.com and a copy will be emailed to you when it is available.

HYMN OF THE WEEK: Thine be the Glory

The lyrics for this hymn were written by Edmond Louis Budry in 1904. Budry was a Swiss minister, writer, and translator. The original text was in French, "*À toi la gloire O Ressuscité*", and was first translated into English by Richard Hoyle in 1925. This hymn is inspired by the glory and brilliance of Christ's resurrection - the first verse discusses the power of the resurrection, the second verse tells Christ's people to shed their doubt now that Christ has conquered the grave, the third verse tells us to quench our fear now that the Prince of Peace reigns. The powerful lyrics and the universally-liked tune no doubt led to the hymn's enormous popularity. As well as being an obvious Easter Day hymn, it is sometimes used at wedding and funeral services, and is traditionally played at *The Last Night of the Proms*, when the audience whistle along to it.

The tune for this hymn is *Maccabaeus* - the tune of the chorus "*See, the Conqu'ring hero comes*" from the third section of Handel's 1747 oratorio *Judas Maccabaeus*. When it was first released, the tune exploded in popularity. John Wesley mentioned several times in his Journal that the tune was one of his favourites. In 1796, Beethoven composed twelve variations of the tune for cello and piano. This tune has been paired with several texts, but it is by far most often used with "Thine be the Glory."

Mass for Easter Day

The Service of Light

The priest carries in the unlit Easter Candle.

Priest Christ yesterday and today,
All the beginning and the end,

Five incense studs may then be inserted into the Candle, reminding us of the five wounds of Christ.

Alpha and Omega,

all time belongs to him,

and all ages;

All to him be glory and power,
through every age and for ever.
Amen.

Priest This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life. Throughout the world Christians celebrate the awesome power of God. As we hear his word and proclaim all that God has done, we can be confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him for ever.

The priest lights the Easter Candle, saying

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

The priest raises the Candle and says

The light of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

The Exsultet *may then be said or sung*

The Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Prayer of Confession

Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.

Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

All Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name.
Amen.

The priest says the Absolution

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

All Amen.

The Gloria in Excelsis is said:

**All 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 the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen**

The Collect

Let us pray:

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of
death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

A reading from Acts of the Apostles

Acts 10.34-43

Peter began to speak to those assembled
in the house of Cornelius.
'I truly understand that God shows no
partiality, but in every nation anyone who

fears him and does what is right is
acceptable to him. You know the message
he sent to the people of Israel, preaching
peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all.
That message spread throughout Judea,
beginning in Galilee after the baptism that
John announced: how God anointed Jesus
of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with
power; how he went about doing good and
healing all who were oppressed by the devil,
for God was with him. We are witnesses
to all that he did both in Judea and in
Jerusalem. They put him to death by
hanging him on a tree; but God raised him
on the third day and allowed him to appear,
not to all the people but to us who were
chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate
and drank with him after he rose from the
dead. He commanded us to preach to the
people and to testify that he is the one
ordained by God as judge of the living and
the dead. All the prophets testify about him
that everyone who believes in him receives
forgiveness of sins through his name.'

For the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

1 Cor 15: 1-11

Now I should remind you, brothers and
sisters, of the good news that I
proclaimed to you, which you in turn
received, in which also you stand,
through which also you are being saved,
if you hold firmly to the message that I
proclaimed to you—unless you have
come to believe in vain. For I handed on
to you as of first importance what I in turn
had received: that Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the scriptures, and
that he was buried, and that he was
raised on the third day in accordance with
the scriptures, and that he appeared to

Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

For the Word of the Lord
All Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

Thine be the glory,
risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory,
thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes
where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory,
risen conquering Son,
Endless is the victory,
thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo! Jesus meets us,
risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us,
scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness,
hymns of triumph sing;
for her Lord now liveth,
death hath lost its sting.

Thine be the glory...

No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee;
aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors,
through thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above.

Thine be the glory...

*French, Edmond Budry (1854-1932)
tr. Richard Hoyle (1875-1939)*

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the first and the last,
says the Lord, and the living one;
I was dead, and behold I am alive
for evermore.

All Alleluia

The Lord be with you

All And also with you

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to John

All Glory to you, O Lord.

John 20.1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying

there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' which means Teacher. Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All 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 from the Holy Spirit and 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.

Prayers of Intercession

In joy and hope let us pray to the Father.

That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his glorious and life-giving resurrection ...

We pray to the Father.

All Hear our prayer.

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter ...

we pray to the Father.

All Hear our prayer.

That God may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love ...

we pray to the Father.

All Hear our prayer.

That he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter ...

we pray to the Father.

All Hear our prayer.

That by his power, war and famine may cease through all the world ...

we pray to the Father.

All Hear our prayer.

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak and the dying, to comfort and strengthen them ...

we pray to the Father.

All Hear our prayer.

That, according to his promises, all who have died in the faith of the resurrection

may be raised on the last day ...

we pray to the Father.

All Hear our prayer.

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, so that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection,

we pray to the Father.

All Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:

grant that, as his death has recalled us to life,

so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy;
through Christ our Lord.

All Amen

The Peace is introduced

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We may exchange a sign of peace

The Preparation of the Table

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

Creator of all,
you wash away our sins,
you give us new birth by the Spirit,
and redeem us in the blood of Christ.
As we celebrate the resurrection,
renew your gift of life within us.
We ask this in the name of
Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

All Amen.

The president takes the bread and wine.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here

All His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you
thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
and in these days of Easter
to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.
For by the mystery of his passion
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death
and hell
and restored in men and women
the image of your glory.
He has placed them once more in
paradise
and opened to them the gate of life
eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels and the
powers of all creation
proclaim for ever the hymn of your glory:

**All 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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of
all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our
Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was
betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
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 gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of Saint John the Evangelist, Saint Peter, Mary the Mother of God, and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Raised again with Christ in the power of the Spirit, we say:

All 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.

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Agnus Dei is said:

**All Jesus, Lamb of God, Have mercy on us
Jesus, bearer of our sins, Have mercy on us
Jesus, redeemer of the world, Give us your peace**

Giving of Communion

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

**All Therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia.**

Communion is received

Prayer after Communion

*The priest prays the Post
Communion for the day:*

God of Life,
who for our redemption gave your
only-begotten Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of
our enemy:

grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him
in the joy of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

**All Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off,
you met us in your Son
and brought us home.
Dying and living,
he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the
gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body
live his risen life;
we who drink his cup
bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights
give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have
set before us, so we and all your
children shall be free,**

**and the whole earth live to praise
your name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Notices

The Blessing and Dismissal

Priest The Lord be with you
All And also with you

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.

All Amen.

Priest The Lord be with you
All And also with you

Priest Go in the the peace of Christ.
Alleluia, alleluia
**All Thanks be to God.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Concluding Voluntary: Toccata from
Symphony no.5 in F major (C.M.Widor)**

Seed of fire

Filled with new life,
ready with seed,
they buried him.

The bark of him flogged,
roots cut loose
into fertile earth.

In a dark place,
the seed bursts,
hidden.

A well-meaning woman
had thought him the gardener,
not the gardener.

After many days
when forgetting grew,
they met in fear.

Away from the crowds.
they sacrificed disconsolately
on habitual altars.

Now in the damp
catacombs of our hearts
where once we stored
debris of expectations

an ashen
seed erupts
into new green.

*From Epiphanies, poems of
liberation, exile and
confinement,
by Harvey Gillman.*

*Editor: Canon Paul Hardingham considers the
eternal promise of Easter*

Easter Hope

*“So many people right across the country are
anxious about employment, anxious about food,
isolated from loved ones and feel that the future
looks dark.”* These are words from the
Archbishop of Canterbury’s sermon on Easter
Day 2020. Who would have thought that we are
experiencing the same uncertainties this Easter!

Yet the Easter story remains one of hope
overcoming darkness and despair. The women
arrived at the tomb on Easter morning with
mixed emotions, as they came to anoint Jesus’
body. *‘But when they looked up, they saw that
the stone, which was very large, had been rolled
away.’* (Mark 16:4). They were confused, as
they tried to make sense of Jesus’ death. Their
hopes were dashed with an uncertain future. In
the current pandemic, we too are left asking:
Where is God in all this?

The young man at the tomb reminds them that
God is still in control: *“Don’t be alarmed,” he
said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene,
who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here.
See the place where they laid him.”* (Mark 16:6).

The women had forgotten Jesus’ promise to the
disciples that He would die and rise from the
dead. Jesus’ resurrection is also the sure
foundation of hope for us in the present crisis.
He turns our confusion and fear into joy and
wonder! We can trust Jesus’ plan for the future
of our world and lives, despite the fact that
things can’t return to the way they were: *“There
needs to be a resurrection of our common life, a
new normal, something that links to the old, but
is different and more beautiful. We must dream
it, build it, make it, grasp it, because it is the gift
of God and the call of God.”* – Justin Welby.

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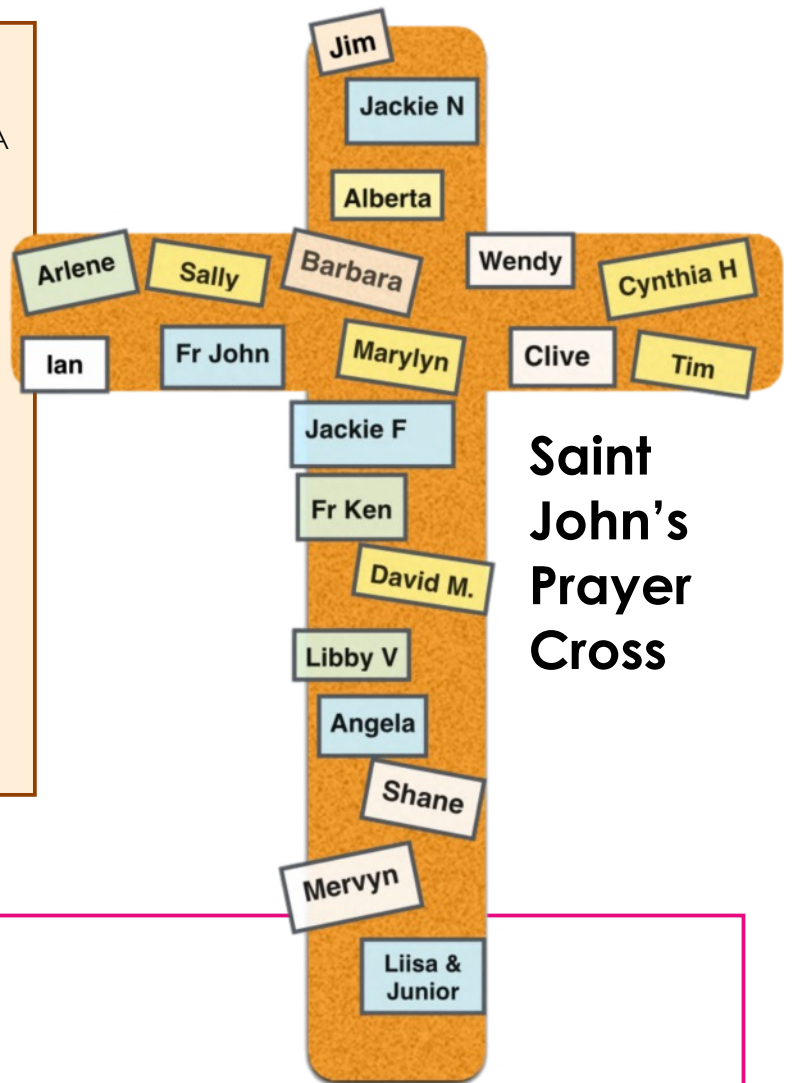
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