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Fourth Sunday of Easter

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Hymn

**Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and corner-stone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the church in one,
Holy Sion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone.**

**All that dedicated city,
dearly loved of God on high,
in exultant jubilation
pours perpetual melody,
God the One in Three adoring
in glad hymns eternally.**

**Laud and honour to the Father,
laud and honour to the Son,
laud and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three, and ever One,
consubstantial, co-eternal,
while unending ages run.**

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
All Amen.

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ be with you
All and also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Prayer of Preparation

All 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.

Gloria in Excelsis

All Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

**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.**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest

**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.**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest

**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.**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

Collect

Reading—Acts 4:5-12

Please sit for the reading. At the end the reader says

For the gift of you holy word

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn

**Restore, O Lord,
The honour of your name!
In works of sovereign power
Come shake the earth again,
that men may see
and come with reverent fear
to the living God,
whose Kingdom shall outlast the years.**

**Restore, O Lord,
in all the earth Your fame,
and in our time revive
the church that bears your name,
and in your anger,
Lord, remember mercy,
O living God,
whose mercy shall outlast the years.**

**Bend us, O Lord,
where we are hard and cold,
in your refiner's fire;
come purify the gold:
though suffering comes,
and evil crouches near,
still our living God
is reigning, he is reigning here.**

The Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

All Alleluia.

Here the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All Praise to you O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

To the words
And at the end

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

Prayers of Penitence

**All Good Shepherd, we take your care for granted.
In the midst of your many blessings,
we complain of not having enough.
In the presence of danger,
we fail to trust your abiding love.
When you set a table before us,
we turn aside from you.
Call us back into your care
and help us trust your caring presence,
that our actions may proclaim your truth. Amen.**

A period of silence for reflection and prayer

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 children are welcomed from their worship, notices and Banns of Marriage are read.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

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 risen Christ be always with you. Alleluia.

All and also with you. Alleluia.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace by acknowledging everyone saying 'Peace be with you'.

Hymn *(during which the collection will be taken. If you are UK tax payer please consider placing your donation in the gift aid envelopes in the pews and filling out the details, this is a real help to us. There is a contactless giving machine available as you leave Church if you would prefer to give in this way)*

**The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters
His goodness restores my soul.**

*And I will trust in you alone
And I will trust in you alone,
for your endless mercy follows me,
your goodness will lead me home.*

**He guides my ways in righteousness,
and he anoints my head with oil,
and my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on his pure delights**

And I will trust in you alone

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
for you are with me, and your rod and staff
are the comfort I need to know.

*And I will trust in you alone.
And I will trust in you alone.
for your endless mercy follows me,
your goodness will lead me home.*

Preparation of the Table

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

Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest;
make yourself known in the breaking of bread.

All Amen.

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.

The president praises God for his mighty acts and all respond

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

The president recalls the Last Supper

Great is the mystery of faith

**All Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again.**

The prayer continues and leads into the doxology, to which all respond

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

All 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ

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

Agnus Dei

All Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The president and people receive communion. Everyone is very welcome to receive the bread and wine whether you've been baptised or confirmed. At the distribution of the bread and wine these words will be said

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life
The blood of Christ keep you in eternal life

The communicant replies **Amen.**

After the choir anthem please do join in with the singing of the hymn

**Loving Shepherd of thy sheep,
keep thy lamb in safety keep;
nothing can thy power withstand,
none can pluck them from thy hand.**

**Loving Saviour, thou didst give
thine own life that we might live,
and the hands outstretched to bless
bear the cruel nails' impress**

**I would praise thee every day,
gladly all thy will obey,
like thy blessed ones above,
happy in thy precious love.**

**Loving Shepherd, ever near,
teach thy lamb thy voice to hear;
suffer not my steps to stray
from the straight and narrow way.**

**Where thou leadest I would go,
walking in thy steps below,
till before my Father's throne
I shall know as I am known.**

Prayer after Communion

The Post-Communion prayer is said

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.

The children share their work.

Hymn

**In Christ alone my hope is found,
he is my light, my strength, my song;
this cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all,
here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones he came to save:
'till on that cross as Jesus died,
the love of God was magnified
for every sin on him was laid,
here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground his body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain:
then bursting forth in glorious day
up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am his and he is mine -
bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from his hand:
'till he returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand.**

The Dismissal

All Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, alleluia.

NOTICES

MESSY CHURCH - our next session is this afternoon at 4pm in St John's Church Hall. All families are welcome to join us.

UNICEF JAR OF GRACE - It is now time to collect in your UNICEF Jar of Grace which was our charity during Lent. Please don't forget to bring your jars, or donation, during April and then we can add up the money raised and let you know the total. They can be left at the back of the church or given to a Warden.

CLEANING OF ST JOHN'S BRASSES - Alison Boggie is kindly organising a group to clean the brasses at St John's which have not been done for some time. The date for this is Thursday 2nd May at 10am for an hour. Obviously more hands make light work so please do think if you can give an hour so that our brasses can shine! Please let Alison know if you able to help.

WEDNESDAY COFFEE - Everyone is welcome to join us at St James' Church lounge for coffee and a chat from 10am - 12noon every week.

GIRLS BRIGADE ENGLAND AND WALES - is our parish charity for April. Girls' Brigade has been in existence for 130 years "to help girls become followers of the Lord Jesus Christ and through self-control, reverence and a sense of responsibility to find true enrichment of life". Over 450 groups meet each week; 2000 leaders working with around 9000 girls (and some boys) to fulfil this aim. After the service at St John's on Sunday 28th April 2024 Carol Brown will have a table with information about Girls' Brigade together with baked goods and some items made by the girls of 2nd Halifax company, for which any financial donations will be welcomed. Please help by giving via BACS through the Parish account with the reference GBRIG or give by text. Text GIRLSBRIGADE followed by your donation amount to 70085 to give that amount. Texts will cost the donation amount plus one standard network rate message. Thank you for supporting the charity of the month.

FAMILY SERVICE - our next Family Service is Sunday 5th May and included in this service will be a collection for the work of Christian Aid which is our charity of the month for May. Envelopes will be available from the 5th May for your donation.

EXPLORE PRAYER CARDS - At the back of St John's Church you will find some Explore Cards. You are very welcome to have a look and take them if you would like one or you know of someone who might find them helpful. They offer some thought-provoking images, simple but profound words to help anyone to express their feelings and needs - and find comfort, strength, and hope. We are very fortunate to be able to offer these free.

DANCE EXERCISE FOR OLDER PEOPLE – A new weekly exercise class for the over 60s is starting at St Hugh's on 7th May. Classes run every Tuesday from 11.45am to 12.45pm. Move, improve balance and strengthen in a no-pressure environment. Your first session is free and £5 thereafter. Call Tanya for more information 07855 886693 or just turn up.

ALTERNATIVE BOOK CLUB – will meet on Tuesday 23rd April at 7.30pm in St James' Lounge to look at Chapter 4 – Guilt – Judah, from the book 'God isn't finished with you yet' by Catherine Campbell.. Everyone is welcome. If you plan to attend for the first time you will need a copy of the book. If you would like support to purchase a copy, please get in touch with Revd Ruth.

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