

**Worshipping, Caring, Pioneering
'Growing God's Kingdom'**



**Sunday worship and weekly news
18 April 2021**

EASTER 3

**We Welcome our visiting priest.
Rev Adrian Slade**



Good morning and welcome.

There is an expression, referring to the bible, which I am not sure you will have heard. It is this 'The new is hidden in the old; the old is revealed in the new.'

In Luke's gospel Jesus reminded his disciples of the Old Testament prophecies, by Moses, the Prophets and in the Psalms which were fulfilled in Him.

In the New Testament He reminded us of the most important laws. To love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength and to love our neighbour as ourself.

Today's readings speak of repentance for sinners. Give praise to God your sins are forgiven and pray for those 'neighbours' you know, who as yet, haven't repented of their sin.

Pete Best

Today's service on You Tube

The service can be listened to as an audio file from the church website www.glos-stg-stm.org.uk. The service will be available from Monday. Click on the blue banner at the bottom of the page. Enjoy, and sing aloud to your hearts content.

Are there restrictions now we are open?

Sadly.... Yes! The same rules that applied to the congregation pre lockdown are still in place i.e.

- Wear a face mask.
- Sanitise your hands.
- No singing (except from the heart),
- Observe Social Distancing – the 2m rule.
- No mixing or socialising, either before or after the service.

Sorry to say these rules are necessary.

**Next week we welcome.
Rev Canon Dr Sandra Millar**

Order of Service

Sin has been paid



Processional Hymn

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

Now is the triumph of our King!
To the whole world glad news we bring:
Alleluia!

The Lord of life is risen for ay:
Bring flowers of song to strew his way;
Let everyone rejoice and say:
Alleluia!

Praise we in songs of victory
That love, that life which cannot die,
And sing with hearts uplifted high:
Alleluia!

Thy name we bless, O risen Lord,
And sing today with one accord
The life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia!

Cyril A Alington (1872-1955) © Sir Richard Mynors

Prayer for Today

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.

Acts 3 Peter Speaks in Solomon's Portico

¹² When Peter saw it, he 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? ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵ and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ 'And now, friends I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸ In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹ Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

Prayer: Lord God of miracles, help us to expect amazing things from You. Amen

Psalm 4 The Safety of the Faithful

1 Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness; **you set me at liberty when I was in trouble; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.**

2 How long will you nobles dishonour my glory; **how long will you love vain things and seek after falsehood?**

3 But know that the Lord has shown me his marvellous kindness; **when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.**

4 Stand in awe, and sin not; **commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still.**

5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness **and put your trust in the Lord.**

6 There are many that say, 'Who will show us any good?' **Lord, lift up the light of your countenance upon us.**

7 You have put gladness in my heart, **more than when their corn and wine and oil increase.**

8 In peace I will lie down and sleep, **for it is you Lord, only, who make me dwell in safety.**

Prayer: Give us today, O God, a glad heart and a clear conscience, that when we come to this day's end, we may rest in peace with Christ our Lord. Amen

Luke 24 Jesus Appears to His Disciples

³⁶ While they were talking Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' ³⁷ They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ 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.' ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and 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.

Prayer: Lord teach us to wonder well; turn our struggle to come to grips with the resurrection into the thrilling joy of knowing You. Amen

Reflection from Adrian Slade

This is one of the seven resurrection stories told in the New Testament, and each is as different from each other as is possible.

The writers of these stories are trying to tell us something so profound that they cannot find the right word pictures to fully explain what they are trying to say.

This, of course, doesn't help us to understand what is going on either. But each story illuminates a particular part off the whole story and so we need to explain each, and in trying our best to understand each story we might find our way to understand the whole.

So the story today is in the upper room, a symbolic place of sorrow and of joy. It is here that Jesus celebrated his last Passover with the disciples which was also the first eucharist celebrated and that was repeated down the ages even to today in Tuffley. (As you will know, and something for next week, the story continues with Thomas experiencing the resurrection in the days to come.)

And this story ends with a charge to all those who have experienced the resurrection - "Repentance and forgiveness is to be proclaimed".



Who has experienced the resurrection - not Thomas yet, but soon. But he soon repents and is forgiven. Who else - all those who through the message of the disciples have repented and been forgiven.

That's the message of this story - all who have repented and been forgiven have experienced the resurrection. It may not be in an upper room, or a garden, or by the lakeside but as we are forgiven so we experience the risen Jesus in our lives.

We declare together our commitment to faith:

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.

Intercessions from Susan Scothern



Risen Lord, As we look to the future, we ask for your wisdom for all who will be choosing our new vicar. May whoever is chosen be confident of your guidance and sure that you are leading them forward. Speak to each one of us at this time, giving us a clear view of your future and those to whom we shall be bringing your good

news. Prepare our hearts that as we engage with a renewed ministry we will be open to what you would have us do.

Everlasting Lord, give wisdom and guidance to all those who lead this country, in the decisions they have to make. May they be open and willing to listen to all sides that as they seek a way forward they will act on behalf of all those who live here, and not just one part. So that the voices of the marginalised and down-trodden will be heard, as well as those who already have power. May all decisions be weighed and considered, and made in accordance with your word.

Loving Lord, we pray for ourselves, for all we will face in this coming week. Be with us in the ups and downs, guiding us in our decisions and reminding us to keep turning to you. We pray for all children, young people and teachers as they return to school, that they may settle quickly into the final term, asking that the term may go smoothly. We pray for those who are sick whether in body or mind, and for those who care for them, whether paid or unpaid, asking that they may all sense you near to them. We remember those who mourn, and ask they may be sure of your comforting arms around them.

Merciful Father...

Offertory Hymn

And can it be that I should gain

An interest in the Saviour's blood!
Died he for me? who caused his pain!
For me? who him to death pursued?

Amazing love! How can it be
That thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
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That thou, my God, shouldst die for me?



No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine;
Alive in him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th' eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.
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And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

After the priest says to us all: "the body and blood of Christ keep you in eternal life", we all respond **Amen.**

A steward will guide you forward.
We each receive a wafer, the priest alone receives the wine on behalf of us all.
We receive Communion with arms outstretched, and in silence.
Please maintain a 2 metre distance at all times.

Final Hymn

Forth in the peace of Christ we go

Christ to the world with joy we bring;
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,
Christ in our hearts, the world's true King.

King of our hearts, Christ reigns in us;
Kingship with him his servants gain;
With Christ, the Servant-Lord of all,
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.

Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth
This world of time to consecrate,
Our world of sin by grace to heal,
Christ's world in Christ to re-create.

We are his Church, he makes us one;
Here is one hearth for all to find;
Here is one flock, one Shepherd-King;
Here is one faith, one heart, one mind.

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Please leave the building immediately after the priest.
In view of the Rule of six please do not linger outside remembering to keep 2 metres apart.

NEWS 18 – 25 APRIL

We pray for all who are ill or in need at this time mentioning by name:

Margaret, Angela, Susan, Mike and Laura, Lynne, Bill, Sarah, Pat, Christine, June, Daphne, Carol, Hedley and Rosemary, David and Angela, Sylvia, Tony and Jean, Margaret & Mark, David.

Anniversaries of Death:

Susan Webb, William Rogers, Mike Anthony, Dennis Hardman, Annie Kennett, Marjorie Jones, Richard Emery, Brian Haines, John Stevens (priest) Gladys Stevens, Jim Bodenham, Lilian May, Phyllis Spiers, Don Clift, Derek Bodimeade, Garry Jeffrey, Maureen Bell, Baby Ralphy-Dre-Pritchard.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

None that we know of so if you would like your birthday or anniversary mentioned in Signpost please let Glenda know.

DIARY DATES

Sun 18	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion Crucifer: Sylvia C Readers: Derek / Linda M Intercessions: Susan
	5.00pm	St M's	Evensong
Tue 20	4.00pm	Z	Standing Committee
Wed 21	8.15am	Z	Morning Prayer
	10.00am	Z	Mission Group
Thu 22	10.30am	St M's	Parish Communion
Fri 23			St George's Day
Sun 25			EASTER 4
	9.00am	St M's	Parish Communion
	10.30am	St G's	Parish Communion Crucifer: Dot Readers: Sylvia C / David Intercessions: Helen

**St G's = St George's St M's = St Margaret's
 Z = Zoom**

Food Parcels (Please note 'Change of dates')

St George's Church, Grange Road, will now open for Food Parcel collections on two days a week as follows: -

On a Tuesday & Friday from 10.00am until 12.00noon until further notice.

The parcel is FREE OF CHARGE

Please be aware of social distancing guidelines.

Next two **Standing Committee Meetings** are on Tues 20 April & Tues 04 May, both at 4.00pm

Next **PCC Meeting** is on Tuesday 11 May at 7.00pm

As usual these meetings are via Zoom

WHAT TO DO for THIS WEEK:

❖ Keep bringing items for the **Foodbank**; **new collection point is the Church Centre hallway on a Friday morning from 9.30am – 11.30am.**

Toiletries now accepted at the foodbank, in addition LONG LIFE MILK, LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE, CUP-A-SOUPS, and POT NOODLES are needed.

Thank you!

Know someone who:

- ❖ is stuck at home without support?
- ❖ can't make ends meet?
- ❖ Just wants to talk?

Then **Contact Gloucestershire Community Help Hub on 01452 583519**

Keep picking up the phone!

People are finding phone calls with friends invaluable to combat loneliness. Thank you everyone; please keep up the good work!



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The Administration office is open on Friday mornings from 9.30am until 11.30am until further notice. Please contact the Church Administrator by email or leave a message on the office telephone and our Administrator will get back to you.

We are part of the **Church in Tuffley**, working in partnership with English Martyrs (Roman Catholic), Grange (Baptist) and St Barnabas (Anglican).

