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SUNDAY 24th APRIL 2022 **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER** **of DIVINE MERCY (Low Sunday)**

Welcome especially if this is your first visit or if you haven't been to church in a while! If you would like say hello to one of the clergy or the hospitality team please do (hiding behind a pillar is fine too if you're a bit shy!) This booklet contains everything you need to follow this service, please join in as far as you would like but don't worry about remembering when to stand, or kneel, or sit, go along with what feels comfortable. A collection is taken during the Offertory Hymn, this helps to pay for the upkeep of the church and more importantly it helps to keep the mission and outreach of the church going, please give what you can. If you pay tax please fill out a Gift-Aid envelope, this allows us to claim extra dosh from the Government!

View From A Pew

Into the locked room, before the frightened disciples, Jesus appears. He is clearly the man who died on the cross, the one they deserted. But there is no reprimand for this or for their doubts, just reassurance to men whose lives he would change for ever, Peter, John, Thomas the biggest doubter of all, and many others who would go out and bear witness, to preach the Gospel of the Risen Christ, to heal the sick and record what really did happen. Who can doubt the reality and the truth of the resurrection when ordinary, frail men such as they were so changed, so filled with joy and confidence that they were prepared to go into an alien world and boldly speak out and be ready to die in the telling which many of them did. If nothing else this really gives truth to the amazing story of Christ's victory over death.

The Introductory Rites

*As the bell is rung all **stand** as the clergy approach the altar. As he comes to the altar the priest prays a silent prayer of preparation, he kisses the altar because it contains (or should contain!) a relic and so asks for the saint's prayers for us all. The altar is a symbol of Jesus here with and so is treated with great respect. We sing the Introit hymn:*

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| 1 Alleluia, alleluia!
Hearts to heaven and voices raise:
sing to God a hymn of gladness,
sing to God a hymn of praise.
He, who on the cross a victim,
for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
now is risen from the dead. | 3 Christ is risen, we are risen!
Shed upon us heavenly grace,
rain and dew and gleams of glory
from the brightness of thy face;
that we, with our hearts in heaven,
here on earth may fruitful be,
and by angel hands be gathered,
and be ever, Lord, with thee. |
| 2 Christ is risen, Christ, the first fruits
of the holy harvest field,
which will all its full abundance
at his second coming yield:
then the golden ears of harvest
will their heads before him wave,
ripened by his glorious sunshine
from the furrows of the grave. | 4 Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia! to the Saviour
who has gained the victory;
Alleluia! to the Spirit,
fount of love and sanctity:
Alleluia, alleluia!
to the Triune Majesty.
Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885) |

Priest	+ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All	Amen
Priest	The Lord be with you.
All	And with your Spirit.

The priest invites us to offer to God the times that we have done things we should not have done, knowing that God forgives all who are truly sorry. This means we can begin worship knowing we have been set right with God.

All	I confess to almighty God and to you my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, <i>and, striking their breast, all say</i> through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.
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Priest May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All **Amen**

Following confession, with the priest we say the Kyrie, this is an ancient part of the mass and is frequently said in Greek, one of the three sacred languages of Christianity (Latin and Hebrew being the other two), these languages are considered sacred because they are the three languages used on the notice placed with Christ on the Cross and so are considered to be deeply connected to our salvation.

Priest Lord, have mercy. or Kyrie eleison.

All **Lord, have mercy.** or **Kyrie eleison.**

Priest Christ, have mercy. or Christe eleison.

All **Christ, have mercy.** or **Christe eleison.**

Priest Lord, have mercy. or Kyrie eleison.

All **Lord, have mercy.** or **Kyrie eleison.**

Together we sing the Gloria, a hymn of praise to God. It reminds us that coming to church is a celebration of the wonderful things God has done, is doing, and will continue to do in our lives.

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 sins 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.**

The priest prays the Collect which sums up all our prayers for the day. After the prayer we sit for the readings, which come from the Acts of the Apostles, followed by a psalm, then from the Epistles (Letters) of Paul, Peter, or John &c. (the early writings of the church that helped shape and develop it) and finally a Gospel passage (a reading from the lives and teachings of Jesus).

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Acts 5:12-16

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

At the end:

Reader	The word of the Lord
All	Thanks be to God

Psalm 117(118):2-4,22-27

The Response is:

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

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| 1 | Let the sons of Israel say:
‘His love has no end.’
Let the sons of Aaron say:
‘His love has no end.’
Let those who fear the Lord say:
‘His love has no end.’ R | 2 | The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. R |
| 3 | O Lord, grant us salvation;
O Lord, grant success.
Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
the Lord God is our light. R | | |

Second Reading

Apocalypse (Revelation) 1:9-13, 17-19

A reading from the Apocalypse

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One, I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

At the end:

Reader	The word of the Lord
All	Thanks be to God

The Gospel

The priest reads the Sequence, a special poem for the day which introduces the Gospel

Christians, to the Paschal Victim

offer sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;

and Christ, the undefiled,

hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended:

combat strangely ended!

Life's own Champion, slain,

yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary:

say what thou didst see

upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose;

I saw Christ's glory as he rose!

The angels there attesting;

shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen:

he goes before you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen
from the dead we know.
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

*We **stand** as the Gospel is heralded*

Priest Alleluia, alleluia
Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have
not seen and yet believe.'
All **Alleluia.**

The Gospel

John 20:19-31

Priest The Lord be with you
All **And with your Spirit**

Priest + A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.
All **Glory to you, O Lord**

The text of the Gospel is omitted in order that you may listen to it more attentively.

At the end:

Priest The Gospel of the Lord
All **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

The Homily

*We **sit** for the Homily, this is a short talk about the readings we have just heard or the theme of the day. Its purpose is to help us better understand the scriptures and how wisdom and advice that is so old can still help us today. After the homily comes the **Creed** for which we **stand**. This is the Church's statement of belief and the word Creed comes from the Latin word for 'I believe.' If you are new to church or not a Christian do not feel you have to say the words with us. Have a read of them before the service (or if the Homily is boring then!) and if you feel you can agree with the words you are most welcome to join in saying them.*

The Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day 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. I 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 adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead + and the life of the world to come. Amen.

We remain standing for the prayers.

The Universal Prayers

These prayers are short ones in which we ask God to hear our petitions for particular people and situations. If you have something or someone you would like praying for in the week at mass or next Sunday please let us know and we'll be happy to include it. It is normal to pray for the Church, the world, the local community, those who are sick or in need, and those who have died.

<i>Intercessor</i>	Lord, in your mercy,	<i>or</i>	Lord, hear us
<i>All</i>	Hear our prayer		Lord, graciously hear us.

Towards the end the intercessor introduces the Hail Mary, the hymn of praise of Jesus' Mother. It is composed from the Angel Gabriel's greeting to Mary, and words spoken to her by her cousin Elizabeth in the first sentence; the second reflects the belief and hope that those who are in heaven, and especially Mary, are our friends and family can pray for us as we pray now for our friends around us here on earth.

All **Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen**

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

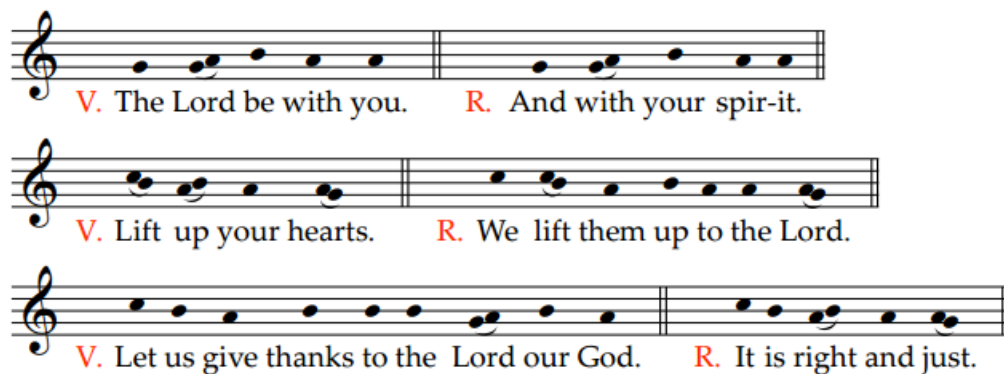
At the offertory the altar is prepared, the sacred vessels, the chalice (cup) and paten (plate) are laid out and the gifts of bread and wine are offered back to God who first gave them to us. To mark these things out as holy offerings set aside for God blessings particular prayers are said. The priest washes his hands asking for purity (and practically its more hygienic, especially in these Covid times).

After the priest has said the offertory prayers and censed the gifts, he too is censed and then the congregation, when the server bows to us we **stand and bow** in return. The priest prays silently asking Our Lady the saints will join with us in prayer, he then asks us to pray with and for him:

Priest Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy church.**

The priest then prays the prayer over the gifts before beginning the Eucharistic (thanksgiving) Prayer, saying:



The priest goes on to say or sing the Preface, this speaks to the theme of the day on special occasions or reminds us of important things to do with Jesus' mission to. It begins the Eucharistic Prayer which is a remembering of the Last Supper certainly, but most especially it is the re-presenting of Jesus' sacrifice of himself on the Cross. The preface ends with words used to greet Jesus when he entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.

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.**

All **kneel or sit** and the priest continues with the prayer during which the gifts of bread and wine are consecrated and so very truly become the Body and Blood of Jesus. During the prayer the priest makes many gestures and blessings which may seem strange, do speak to him afterwards and he happily talk to you about what happens. Part way through comes the following acclamation and response:

Priest The Mystery of Faith
All **We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess
your Resurrection until you come again.**

The prayer continues and concludes:

Priest Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours,
for ever and ever.
All **Amen.**

All stand and the Priest invites us to join in saying the Lord's Prayer

The Communion Rite

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.**
Priest Deliver us, Lord, we pray...
All **For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever.**

The priest introduces the Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be with you always.
All **And with your Spirit.**

In light of recent recommendations in order to reduce the spread of infection we share the Peace simply through this call and response rather than through any physical gesture; as was the practice up until really quite recently.

All **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.**

The priest then breaks the consecrated Host and drops a tiny fragment into the chalice to symbolise the re-joining of Christ's body and blood after it was spilled on the Cross. To prepare himself to receive communion he prays silently and we are encouraged to do the same. The priest invites us to receive communion by elevating the Broken Host and saying:

Priest Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

*Having acclaimed the Real Presence of Christ the clergy make their communion. If you have been joining us for the Rosary or would like to begin that meditation this might be an ideal moment to reflect on **The Fifth Luminous Mystery – The Institution of the Eucharist or The First Glorious Mystery – The Resurrection?** Perhaps offer a decade thinking about either of these as you make your spiritual communion? We **stand** for the prayer after communion.*

The Concluding Rites

Priest The Lord be with you

All **And with your Spirit**

Priest May Almighty God bless + you...

All **Amen**

Priest Go forth the mass is ended, alleluia, alleluia!

All **Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

*We **remain standing** and again the priest kisses the altar in a gesture of thanks and farewell. The priest then returns to the sacristy he prays silently for himself and for those who have received God in this mass as we sing the Recessional hymn:*

1 Alleluia! sing to Jesus!
His the sceptre, his the throne.
Alleluia! His the triumph,
his the victory alone.
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood.
Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by his blood.

2 Alleluia! not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how;
Though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er
shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?

3 Alleluia! bread of heaven,
here on earth our food and stay!
Alleluia! here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, plead for me.
Where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

4 Alleluia! King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary,
earth thy footstool,
heaven thy throne.
Thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest.
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim
in the Eucharistic Feast.

William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

Prayer List

As we are returning to public worship now seems to be the ideal time to update the list of the sick particularly. If you would like particular names included let Fr Andrew know. Names on the pewsheets will appear for about a month, if prayer is still required they will be moved to the list of long-term/ongoing illness. The pewsheets are for short-term illness or those who have been rushed to hospital and are in acute need.

The Sick And Those In Need

Amanda, Ben, James, Keith, Shirley, June, Barbara, Phil, Karen, Dawn, and Margaret

The Recently Departed

Brian Smith, and Malcolm

Anointing of the Sick

This sacrament is open to all who are ill in any way, it is no longer reserved to those who are dying. If you are unwell, or preparing for an operation you are most welcome to receive an anointing, again just let Fr Andrew know. If you, or a family member, or a member of this congregation goes into hospital please let us know – Fr Andrew may be many things but psychic, he is not.

Except when absent from the parish, Fr Andrew is on call 24/7 in case of emergencies, especially if someone is dying, he would much prefer a lost night's sleep than discover too late someone had died without prayer and the sacraments.

When Fr Andrew is away please get in touch with one of the Church Wardens and they will find you a priest.

Baptisms, Marriages, and Funerals

All of these offices are by arrangement please speak to Fr Andrew about instruction and availability

Notes on the Diary:

Days in italicised type called Ferias are the 'ordinary' weekdays of the year or season

Days in plain type are memoria, commemorations of the saints

Days in bold type are feasts, they are the more important days in the year

DAYS IN BOLD RED CAPITALS ARE SOLEMNITIES, THESE ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT DAYS AND IF POSSIBLE YOU ARE REQUIRED TO BE AT MASS. (as the BCP would say, red letter days!)

The letters after a saint's name indicate something about them M = Martyr, Bp = Bishop, Pr = Priest, Dn = Deacon, Rel = Religious, V = Virgin and so on.

The letter in brackets indicates the liturgical colour of the day, green, red, white and so on

The item in brackets is the mass/prayer intention for the day.

Please note that during this lockdown period both Fr Andrew and Fr Glen are taking Saturday as their day of rest, they are available in case of emergency otherwise please try and avoid contacting them.

THIS WEEK'S DIARY – SECOND WEEK OF EASTER

Sunday Year C – Weekday Lectionary Year II – Psalter Week 2

Monday 25th April

S. Mark, Evangelist (R)

(for the Archbishops' College of Evangelists)

9.00am Morning Prayer (SS)

10.00am Mass (SS)

6.00pm Evening Prayer (SS)

Tuesday 26th April

S. GEORGE, M & PATRON OF ENGLAND (R)

(for HM the Queen and the Nation)

9.00am Morning Prayer (HT)

10.00am Mass (HT)

6.00pm Evening Prayer (HT)

Wednesday 27th April

Easter Feria (W)

(for the sick and those in need)

9.00am Morning Prayer (SW)

6.00pm Evening Prayer (SW)

6.20pm Rosary (SW)

7.00pm Mass (SW)

Thursday 28th April

Easter Feria (W)

(for the repose of the soul of Brian Smith)

9.00am Morning Prayer (SS)

9.20am Rosary (SS)

10.00am Mass (SS)

11.15am Funeral Service – Brian Smith (SS)

6.00pm Evening Prayer and Benediction (SS)

Friday 29th April

S. Catherine of Siena, V & Dr (W)

(for the nations of Europe)

9.00am Morning Prayer (HT)

11.20am Rosary (HT)

12noon Mass (HT)

6.00pm Evening Prayer (HT)

Saturday 30th April

S. Pius V, PM (W)

(for a Team Vicar and the growth of our congregations)

9.00am Morning Prayer (SW)

10.00am Mass (SW)

6.00pm Evening Prayer (SW)

Sunday 1st May

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (W)

(Our Team, mission and outreach)

9.30am SUNG DISTRICT MASS (SW)

10.30am SUNG DISTRICT MASS (HT)

11.30am SUNG DISTRICT MASS (SS)