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St. Anne's Church, Chingford

Easter 2 - 24th April 2022

Informal Eucharist 10.00

Welcomers: Server: Lessons: Preacher: Celebrant: Music: Informal Eucharis Phil Hallsworth Otis Griffin Phil Hallsworth Mick Scotchmer Mick Scotchmer Peter Stannard



HYMN 32 Alleluia, alleluia, hearts to heaven and voices raise **GATHERING**

We gather in praise of the God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

This week	Today Monday	25th Apr		Simple Lunch No Project and Events
WEEK				Committee Meeting
	Wednesday	27th Apr	20.00	Environmental Committee
			11.30	Study Prayer Group
	Friday	29th Apr	10.00	Eucharist
	Sunday	1st May	10.00	Parish Eucharist

The Lord be with you and also with you.

Silence is kept.

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love, for they are everlasting. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions, but think on me in your goodness, O Lord, according to your steadfast love. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

O keep my soul and deliver me; let me not be put to shame, for I have put my trust in you. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on *you*, forgive you your sins, and bring you to everlasting life. **Amen.**



Glory in the highest to the God of heaven; Peace to all your people through the Earth be given. Mighty God and Father, thanks and praise we bring, Sing Alleluia to our heavenly King

Jesus Christ is risen, God the Father's Son; With the Holy Spirit, you are Lord alone. Lamb once killed for sinners, all our guilt to bear, Show us now your mercy, now receive our prayer.

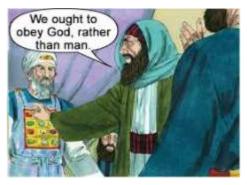
Christ the world true Saviour, high and holy one, Seated now and reigning from your Father's throne: Lord and God, we praise you! Highest heaven adores: In the Father's Glory, all the praise be yours!

Let us pray

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever **Amen.**

FIRST READING Acts 5.27-32

²⁷When the temple police had brought the apostles, they made them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, ²⁸'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' ²⁹But



Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

This is the word of the Lord Alleluia, Alleluia.

Thanks be to God Alleluia, Alleluia.

HYMN 402 Jesus, stand among us in thy risen power

GOSPEL John 20.19-31

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John Alleluia, Alleluia. **Glory to you, O Lord Alleluia, Alleluia.**

¹⁹When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen

the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his

hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said,



'Peace be with you.' ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' ²⁸Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord Alleluia, Alleluia.

Praise to you, O Christ Alleluia, Alleluia.

REFLECTION

HYMN 87 Breathe on me breath of God

PRAYER OF FAITH

Let us declare our faith in God. We believe in God the Father, God almighty, by whose plan earth and heaven sprang to being, all created things began. We believe in Christ the Saviour, Son of God in human frame, virgin-born, the child of Mary upon whom the Spirit came. Christ, who on the cross forsaken, like a lamb to slaughter led, suffered under Pontius Pilate, he descended to the dead. We believe in Jesus risen, heaven's king to rule and reign, to the Father's side ascended till as judge he comes again.

We believe in God the Spirit; in one Church, below, above: saints of God in one communion, one in holiness and love. So by faith, our sins forgiven, Christ our Saviour, Lord and friend, we shall rise with him in glory to the life that knows no end. Amen.

INTERCESSIONS

In the knowledge that God is here present with us, let us pray.

Father we thank you for the gifts of sight and insight, and ask that you be there in all our looking.

Help us always to see you with eyes of faith, love and honesty. Open our eyes:

To see things your way, Lord.

We pray for our bishops, priests and deacons in their demanding ministry of love, that they may be given all the support, grace and anointing they need. Open our eyes:

To see things your way, Lord.

We pray for the gifts of discernment and integrity among those who govern, advise and lead. Clear away all self-centred ambition to free our leaders to serve.

Open our eyes: To see things your way, Lord.

We call to mid those whose eyes are wet with tears or tense with pain. Help them to sense your reassuring love which can bring us through the darkest of valleys. Open our eyes:

To see things your way, Lord.

Jesus is the firstfruit of the new and eternal love we are promised in you. We commend to your love those who have recently walked through death into that promise, and thank you for the privilege of knowing them here on earth. Open our eyes:

To see things your way, Lord.

Father we thank you for loving us right through death into new life, and we rejoice in your victory over evil.

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

SIGN OF 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 Lord be always with you **And also with you.**

Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

HYMN 51 At the Lamb's high feast we sing During this hymn, the gifts are brought to the table

As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside

are now united on this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom. Amen.

The Lord is here. His spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is always right to give you thanks, God our Creator,

loving and faithful, holy and strong.

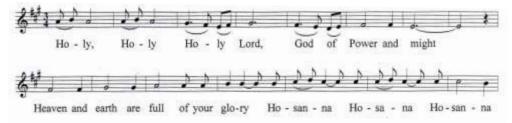
You made us and the whole universe, and filled your world with life.

You sent your Son to live among us, Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.

He suffered on the cross; he died to save us from our sins; he rose in glory from the dead.

You send your Spirit to bring new life to the world, and clothe us with power from on high.

And so we join the angels to celebrate and sing:





Father, on the night before he died, Jesus shared a meal with his friends.

He took the bread, and thanked you. He broke it, and gave it to them, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine. He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you.

This is my blood,

the new promise of God's unfailing love.

Do this to remember me.

Jesus Christ has died.

Jesus Christ has died.

Jesus Christ is risen.

Jesus Christ is risen.

Jesus Christ will come again.

Jesus Christ will come again.

Father, as we bring this bread and wine, and remember his death and resurrection, send your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts may be fed by Christ's body and his blood Pour your Spirit on us that we may love one another work for the healing of the earth, and share the good news of Jesus, as we wait for his coming in glory. For honour and praise belong to you, Father with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit: one God, for ever and ever. Amen And now, as Jesus taught us so we pray: 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

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ

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

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your Peace.

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

Distribution of Holy Communion

Silence is kept.

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

NOTICES

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.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ.

Amen.

HYMN 751 Thine be the glory

We do not take a collection at St. Anne's as we have a Free Will Offering scheme. However if you wish to make a contribution you will find a plate at the back of church. If you would like to join the **Free Will Offering** scheme please speak to Andy Crawford, Lindsey Archer or the church wardens.

Projects and Events Committee: There will be a Projects and Events Committee meeting over coffee **TODAY**.

Ukrainian Crisis- To support those affected by the war in Ukraine we will continue to take retiring collections for the Christian Aid DEC appeal and to collect goods to be sent to Children's homes in Ukraine. For this we only need items on the list. These are all children's items and **do not include clothes**.

Dates for diaries - Our next planned events are: Saturday 7 May 10-1 Table Top sale Saturday 4 June 10-2 Jubilee Celebration More details - and some requests for help! - to follow. Meantime, please hold the dates.

Heat or Eat - **Latest** Their particular request at present is for tinned fish (not tuna) and blue (whole) milk.

Please consider putting an extra item on your shopping list each week for those in real need at this time.

FOR OUR PRAYERS:

We remember in prayer each day all those both known and unknown to us who are suffering in mind, body and spirit, for those who have care of them, for all who are living with difficulties and trouble at this time and for all who will enter eternity this week.

Anniversaries for April.

1st Gregory Canning, 6th Mabel Garrett, 7th Peggy Eley, 13th Freddie Banks, Michael Taylor, 20th Gwen Coombs, 24th Barbara Shepard, 28th Alice Rolfe.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them, may they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen