



Parish of St Mary the Virgin
East Grinstead

The Fourth Sunday of Easter
21st April 2024

Organ Prelude: Meditation on Brother James' Air Darke

Setting: Mass of St Thomas Thorne

A bell is rung and the congregation stand and face the back of church.

During Eastertide, the penitential rite takes the form of sprinkling with the waters of baptism, blessed by Fr Adam at our Easter Vigil. The altar party, servers and choir enter church through the main doors, where the celebrant, dressed in cope, prays this prayer.

The Easter Sprinkling Rite

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

All: He is risen indeed, Alleluia, Alleluia

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us praise the Lord our God for this water he has created, and which will be sprinkled on us as a memorial of our Baptism. May he help us by his grace to remain faithful to the Spirit we have received.

Let us pray

Father, God of mercy, through these waters of baptism you have filled us with new life as your very own children. From all who are baptised in water and the Holy Spirit, you have formed one people, united in your Son Jesus Christ. You have set us free and filled our hearts with the Spirit of your love, that we may live in your peace.

You call those who have been baptised to announce the Good News of Jesus Christ to people everywhere. We pray, that by the mystery of this consecrated water we may be reminded of our new and spiritual birth in baptism through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Processional Hymn

206 Christ is our cornerstone

The entrance procession and entrance hymn then begin as usual. The priest sprinkles the people as he makes his way to the sanctuary.

When the hymn has finished and the clergy have returned to their place, the priest prays this prayer.

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

Gloria in Excelsis

Bells may be rung during the gloria:

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.

The Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All; Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Acts 4:8-12

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

R: The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

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

It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in men;

it is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in princes. **R**

I will thank you for you have answered
and you are my saviour.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. **R**

Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;
You are my God, I thank you.

My God, I praise you.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
for his love has no end. **R**

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-2

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand

All: Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my own sheep and my own know me.

All: Alleluia!

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

All: Glory to you O Lord

Gospel

John 10:11-18

Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. 'I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock, and one shepherd. 'The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

On Sundays and Principal Holy Days ALL STAND to recite the Nicene Creed

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.

All bow for these words

Who 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

The intercessions may end with:

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

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

Please stand (if able)

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: and also with you.

The deacon or priest then says:

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All exchange a brief sign of peace with those nearest you.

Offertory Hymn

307 Sweet Sacrament divine

Pray, dear friends, that this 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.

Prayer Over the Gifts

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries, so that the renewal constantly at work within us may be the cause of our unending joy.

Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

The Eucharistic Prayer

The priest says or sings:

The Lord be with you *All* **and also with you**

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 priest begins the prayer. After the preface all respond with:

***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

Please kneel or sit.

The prayer continues until this acclamation is used:

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

At the end of The Eucharistic Prayer all respond boldly: All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

The Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

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.

The Giving of Holy Communion

The priest invites people to communion with these or similar words:

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blesséd are those who are called to his supper.

All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

*If you receive communion in any church, you are welcome to do so here. If you would like to receive a blessing, please bring this order of service with you, and bow your head. Intinction (dipping the Host into the Precious Blood) is performed by the priest/eucharistic minister **only**.*

Communion Anthem

The Lord is my shepherd *Goodall*

Communion Hymn

282 Faithful shepherd feed me

Prayer after Communion

Please stand (if able)

Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd, and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures the sheep you have redeemed by the Precious Blood of your Son. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: Amen

The Notices

Please sit

The Blessing and Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The blessing is given.

With the risen life of Christ within you,
go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Recessional hymn

107 Good Christian men rejoice and sing

The altar party and choir gather around the image of Our Lady, as we sing.

Regina Cæli

Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven, alleluia.
He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia.
As he promised, hath arisen, alleluia.
Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia.

V Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
R **For the Lord has risen indeed, alleluia.**

O God, by the Resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, you have brought joy to the whole world: grant that, by the help of his mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life; through Christ the Lord.

R **Amen**

Organ Voluntary: Te Deum Langlais

The flowers this week are sponsored by Diane and Roger Mead
in memory of their beautiful daughter, Caroline Peck

Intercessions

We pray for God's blessing on the life of our church and upon the other congregations of our town.

West Street Baptist Church

We pray for: All who live in Fairlawn Dr, Fairlawn Cre, Cambell Cres, Crossways Ave, Parkside

Please pray for those in need of healing: Jean Searles, David Tass, Jorgie, Margaret Barnett, Karen Wilson, Timothy, John Railton, Benedict Wogan, Alan Gibbons.

Please pray for all the departed

Recently: Joyce Stevens

Anniversary: Les Pankhurst, Dorothy Benedict, Caroline Peck
Ron Brown, Sheila Gibson.

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Events & Services

Thursday

Mass 10am

(followed by fresh coffee in the vestry)

Sunday

Said Mass 8am,

(Every week)

Parish Mass 10am

(followed by Coffee & Chat in the Parish Hall.)

First Sunday in the Month is Family Mass at 11am

Notices

Annual Parochial Church Meeting and Election of Church Wardens and PCC members will be held following Mass on the 19th of May. Nomination forms will be at the rear of church from next week.

Electoral Roll. Our electoral roll is in the process of being reviewed. If you are new to St Mary's within the last year, or have not yet completed an electoral roll form, then please do so. The deadline is Sunday 5th May.

Plant Sale. Our plant sale is less than a month away.

On the day lots of help will be needed to set up, run stalls and clear up. We will also need offers of cakes for refreshment, (alongside Fr Adam's scrumptious Bacon rolls) or would you consider sponsoring a tray of bedding plants for £20? Please speak to Diane, Anne or Andrew with offers or sponsorship.

Garden Paraphernalia

As spring approaches and you are moved to tidy out your sheds and garages, please don't throw out old tools, pots, garden related stuff and bric a brac. I will almost certainly be able to sell these things on my garden paraphernalia stall at the plant sale! David (07973795626)

Joyce Steven's Funeral service will take place in church on the 30th April at 1pm.



ST MARY'S CHURCH EAST GRINSTEAD

Plant Sale

Saturday 11th May
10:30am - 1:30pm

SHRUBS, PERENNIALS, ANNUALS,
VEGETABLES, HERBS, PLANTERS,
HOUSEPLANTS, REFRESHMENTS,
GARDEN PARAPHERNALIA.

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