

St Peter's Scottish Episcopal Church, Kirkcaldy



Sunday 18th April 2021, Easter 3

- Introit Hymn:* All my hope on God is founded
- Welcome:* Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**
- Collect for Purity:* **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:* **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 sin 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 the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**
- Collect:* O God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**
- Collect SPB:* Almighty God, who hast given thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an ensample of godly life: Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**
- First reading:* Acts 3. 12-19 (SPB 1 St Peter 2.19)
- Second reading:* 1 John 3. 1-7
- Gradual hymn:* As the deer pants for the water
- Gospel acclamation:* **Alleluia! Alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!**
- Gospel:* Luke 24. 36-48 (SPB St John 10. 11)

When gospel is announced:
Glory to Christ our Saviour.

At end:
Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel. **Praise to Christ our Lord.**

Homily:

“What is there to eat?”

“Have you anything here to eat?”

Isn't that just like Jesus? Not only does he insist, during his lifetime, that we need to enter the Kingdom like children, now in the resurrection he models that for us.

How many times a day in how many kitchens across the land do children, young and old, tall and small, just stand there and demand to know, “What is there to eat?” And that is always the primary question with Jesus. As in real life, so it is in the resurrection of the body.

In Emmaus Jesus breaks bread with two of the disciples. On the shores of the Sea of Galilee, he instructs the “Peter and John Fishing Company” to throw their nets over on the other side of their boat; they do so and fill the boat to overflowing! There are so many fish, in fact, that Peter has to jump overboard and wade in to shore, where he finds Jesus, sitting by a charcoal fire, a few fish already on the grill, saying, “Come and have breakfast!” (John 21: 12)

Jesus says this to us, too: “Come and have breakfast!” We can relate to a God like this: on the beach, a warm fire, fresh fish, bread, some good friends. And then of course there is the story of the little boy. Jesus is there with five thousand people after a long day of teaching and preaching, and he turns to Philip and says, “What is there to eat? What do we have to feed all these people?”

It's the same question. These stories are related.

And it's a little boy who has five barley loaves and two fishes. And as it was that day, so it must have been on the beach, and so it was in that room with the disciples — same question, same food, same story. Everyone ate and was satisfied. Everyone's eyes were opened and they could see it was Jesus with them!

Everyone begins to understand when they eat with Jesus; to really understand for the first time. Everyone is to go and tell others to repent, to accept God's forgiveness, and to tell the story—beginning right here and now!

And so it is that we gather in normal times at the Lord's Table every week, to eat with him and his friends; to be fed to overflowing; to have our eyes opened and to begin to understand. And so we, too, can go and tell others to repent, to accept God's forgiveness, and to tell the story. This is how we know it is Jesus we are with—he is always eating and drinking with people. He always fills people to overflowing!

We know others did it, too. Peter, for instance. When asked for money by the lame man on the way to church, Peter said, “Silver and gold have we none. But such as we have give I thee. In the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.” And we know the man was healed and went walking and leaping and praising God. He became a witness of these things. Because he praised God and told the story, we are here today.

We gather and hear the words of scripture. We share the meal. We are with his friends. We recognize Jesus is here. And he sends us out to tell others the news, to tell others the story, to offer the Name of Jesus to everyone we meet.

So when we are asked, “What is there to eat?” We can say, “Come and have breakfast. Taste and see that the Lord is good.”

Alleluia, Christ is Risen! The Lord is Risen indeed, alleluia! And so are we! And so are we!

Amen

Nicene Creed:

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 substance with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate of 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. With the Father and the Son, he is worshipped and glorified. He 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.

*Intercessions:
Group*

Composed and prayed on behalf of the congregation by a member of the Intercessors

Lord God, that we will always be aware of the peace that Jesus left with us and the assurance of your presence throughout our lives.

Lord as we offer our prayers to you this morning, we ask that you will always walk with us on our journey into faith, both as individuals and as your Church. The resurrection of your son saved us all; our hope is always in you and the peace that Jesus left is always with us. Your love is so great, through you all things are possible and we praise your name. Inspire us through the Holy Spirit, strengthen our faith, make us disciples and hold us up when we fall short of your perfection.

Lord Hear Us

We pray for the Church throughout the world, that it should seek for unity and a common purpose in bringing your light to all the corners of the world. We pray for Bishop Mark our Primus and Bishop Ian our Diocesan Bishop; for Christine our Rector and all those involved in worship at St Peters. We pray for the work of the College of Bishops and for the congregation of St Mary's, Birnam, for Lesley-Ann Craddock and Frances Foreshaw.

Lord Hear Us

Lord at a time when the divisions between the rich and poor in society seem ever deeper, we pray for a spirit of genuine service in all those who lead, that they will work to promote equality and banish self-interest. Help them and us to seek an end to suffering, injustice and conflict wherever they are found and move towards a global society that is characterised by the peace, tolerance and love that are the hallmarks of your son Jesus.

Lord Hear Us

Lord God we call to mind all those who are in particular need of our prayers at this time, through sickness, infirmity or other distress. We remember all those known to us in a moment of silence.....

...draw them near to you Lord, and make them aware of your healing touch.

Lord Hear Us

Lord we pray for all those who have passed from this life into your peace, remembering particularly this morning Florence Flockhart and Ron Keith whose years mind falls at this time We ask that your loving presence be a consolation to all those who mourn the passing of loved ones. We commend them all to the joy and safe-keeping of your Love for all eternity.

Lord Hear Us

Father, we ask you to accept these prayers, and may we who confess Christ as Lord, live in his strength and walk in his ways, this day and always. Through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen

Confession
and Absolution:

God is love and we are his children. There is no room for fear in love.
We love because he loved us first. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence

**God our Father, we confess to you
and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and in what we have failed to do.**

**We are truly sorry.
Forgive us our sins,
and deliver us from the power of evil.
For the sake of your Son who died for us,
Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

(May) God, who is both power and love, forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Peace: We meet in Christ's Name let us share his peace.

Offertory hymn: Christ be our light

Communion Prayer: **God of infinite mercy. We thank you for Jesus our Saviour who feeds his people and gives them eternal life. Though we cannot consume the gifts of bread and wine we thank you that we do receive Christ's saving presence, the forgiveness of sins and all other benefits of his passion. Grant that we may continue for ever in the risen and ascended life of our Saviour. Amen. (This prayer is said during the online Provincial service).**

The Lord's Prayer: **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.**

Communion hymn: Be still for the presence of the Lord

Concluding Prayer: **Author of life divine, in the breaking of bread we know the risen Lord. Feed us always in these mysteries, that we may show your glory to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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.

Recessional hymn: Lord the light of your love is shining

7pm Candle Prayer

**God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, in your great mercy
You give us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
On this day, receive our praise and our thanks forever!
Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.**

**God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, in your great mercy
You have journeyed with us through the darkness and you bring us now to the day of light.
Lead us through the darkness and into the abiding light of your presence.
Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.**

**God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, in your great mercy
You journey with those who have known sorrow and tears.
In your compassion, journey with them still and bring to them healing and the hope of the life
everlasting.
Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.**

**God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, in your great mercy
You speak into the depths of our hearts and you call us by our name.
Call us by our name that we might proclaim: Christ is risen. Alleluia!
Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.**

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