

Sunday 8 April 2018

Easter 2

10.30am Celebrating Communion

Preacher: William Mounsey

Readings: Acts 4: 32-35

1 John 1:1-2:2

John 20:19-31

Notices

A very happy Easter to everyone.

Coffee Morning in support of Eleanor's Orphanage in Liberia

A date for your diaries – the Eco-Congregation Group will be running a coffee morning on **Saturday 7 April**.

Ladies' Tea Party 2018 Saturday 26th May, 3pm – 5pm.

Please keep this date free in your diaries and invite family and friends. More information nearer the time.

Next meeting of the Altar Panel Group

The revised date is **Monday 23 April, 7.35pm** in the downstairs Meeting Room.

Quiet Space for silent prayer

The next Quiet Space is on **Saturday 14 April** at Bill and Jenny Brockie's house, 31 Hollybank Terrace, EH11 1SP, **at 9.45am**.

Bishop John's Lent Appeal

This year's appeal supports two charities which, in their contrasting ways, offer healing and wholeness. **EMMS International** is well known for its outstanding work in bringing hope and love to people in the world's poorest countries who cannot afford medical care. **Edinburgh Rape Crisis Centre** aims to 'be there' in the immediate aftermath of rape or abuse and to help victims and their families rebuild their lives. If you would like to give money, please place it in an envelope marked "Bishop's Lent Appeal" and put it in the collection plate.

Easter Sunday
Sunday 1 April 2018

Preacher: David Warnes

President: David Warnes



Living out faith in our community

through prayer, reflection and action

Lighting of the Easter Candle

Eternal God, who made this most holy morn
to shine with the brightness of your one true light:
set us aflame with the fire of your love,
and bring us to the radiance of your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Christ, yesterday and today, **the beginning and the end,**
Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him, and all ages;
to him be glory and power, through every age and for ever. Amen.

By his holy and glorious wounds may Christ our Lord guard us and
keep us. **Amen.**

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds. **Amen.**

We light our own candles from the Easter candle.

This is the Good News – the grave is empty, Christ is risen.
Alleluia!

This is the Good News –
the light shines in the darkness and the darkness can never put it out.
Alleluia!

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

As the Easter candle is processed into church we sing three times:

The light of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Collect for Easter

Lord of life and power, through the mighty resurrection of your Son you have overcome the old order of sin and death and have made all things new in him. May we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, reign with him in glory, who with you and the Holy Spirit is alive, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9 *read by Walter Savory*

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

New Testament Reading: Acts 10:34-43 *read by Walter Savory*

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia (CG5)

Gospel: John 20.1-18 *read by Liz Moir*

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

The Christian life means turning from evil and turning to Christ.

On the Cross, Christ confronted the power of evil and, raised from the dead, declared the victory of God's love.

Standing now with Christ, do you renounce all evil?

We renounce all evil.

Seeking now to follow him, do you turn to Christ?

We turn to Christ.

Following the Way of Christ,

Do you believe in God the Creator, who made the world?

We believe.

Do you believe in God the Saviour, who redeemed humanity?

We believe.

Do you believe in God the Sanctifier, who gives life to God's people?

We believe.

In Christ, God has given us a new nature, so that day by day we might be renewed in the image of our Maker.

As disciples of Christ, will you continue in the Apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you proclaim the good news by word and deed, serving Christ in all people?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you work for justice and peace, honouring God in all Creation?

With the help of God, I will.

This is the calling of the Church.

This is our calling; to live and work for the kingdom of God.

Eternal Giver of life and light, this holy morn shines with the radiance of the risen Christ. Renew your Church with the Spirit given to us in baptism, that we may worship you in sincerity and truth and shine as a light in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**