

Readings, Collect and Year's Mind
Sunday 17th April, 2022
Easter Day

In our Year's Mind this week, we pray for Peter McNab, Pat Purser.

We pray too for Frank Rapson who died recently.

We also give special prayers for Sylvia, Masami, Peter, Joan M., Delia, Nancy, Gonzalo, Jane T., Ukraine, its people, and the World, and the families and friends of Frank Rapson.

The Intercessions are being led by Becky Wills

The Collect for Easter Day is:

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

The First Reading is Acts 10: 34-43 (Read by Rupert Forbes)

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. '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.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

1. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.
2. Let Israel now proclaim, 'His mercy endures for ever.'
14. The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.
15. There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous:
16. 'The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!'
17. I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.
18. The Lord has punished me sorely, but he did not hand me over to death.
19. Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the Lord.
20. 'This is the gate of the Lord; whoever is righteous may enter.'
21. I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation.
22. The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief corner-stone.
23. This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.
24. On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

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Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading is 1 Corinthians 15: 19-26

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ.

But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

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Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading is Luke 24: 1-12

Glory to Christ our Saviour

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had accompanied Jesus came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body.

While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.'

Then they remembered Jesus' words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest.

Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

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Thanks be to God.

Post Communion Prayer

Living God,
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him
in the joy of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The sung Communion Setting is the Festival Mass by Noel Rawsthorne.

The Hymns are from New English Hymnal

110 Jesus Christ is risen today
113 Love's redeeming work is done
120 Thine be the Glory

Anthem: Easter Anthems

During Communion: Hallelujah Chorus, by Handel (from The Messiah)