

Readings, Collect and Year's Mind
Sunday 24th April, 2022
Easter 2

In our Year's Mind this week, we pray for Isabella McNab, Margaret Kemmer, Elspeth Watt, Cyril Aldridge, Evelyn Lawson

We pray too for Peter Martin who died last week, and for Frank Rapson who died recently.

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

The Intercessions are being led by Rev Sue Whitehouse

The Collect for Easter 2 is:

Almighty God:

in your great goodness,

grant that we, as pilgrims through the Easter mysteries,

may hold them fast in our lives;

through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, world without end.

Amen

The Old Testament Reading is Acts 5: 27-32 (Read by Ralph Garden)

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they made them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, '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.'

But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And 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.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 150

1. Alleluia! Praise God in his holy temple; Praise him in the firmament of his power.
2. Praise him for his mighty acts; praise him for his excellent greatness.
3. Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; praise him with lyre and harp.
4. Praise him with timbrel and dance; praise him with strings and pipe.
5. Praise him with resounding cymbals; praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.
6. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Alleluia!

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The New Testament Reading is Revelation 1: 4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega,' says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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The Gospel Reading is John 20: 19-31

Glory to Christ our Saviour

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.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So 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.'

A 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.' Then 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.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But 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.

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Thanks be to God.

Post Communion Prayer

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

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

The Hymns are from New English Hymnal

121 This joyful Eastertide
103 Alleluya! Alleluya!
112 Jesus lives! thy terrors now

Anthem: The Strife is o'er, by Henry G. Ley