



From the Vicar

'For as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ.' At the heart of Christian faith is a great exchange. God puts on the weakness of our human flesh, so we can take up his glory. In Jesus, God becomes subject to death, so that we can live eternally. With Christ, God enters into our furthest exiles in order for us to return home. Eastern Orthodoxy captures this glorious movement with more imagination and courage than our Western tradition, focussing as it does more on the resurrection of Christ than his passion and death. Orthodoxy uses two expressions for this: the first is called 'recapitulation.' Jesus recaptures everything it means to be human by imbuing our humanity with the energies of God's own Spirit, lifting us from death and despair and drawing us into life. In Jesus' resurrection we see everything we are meant to be, a human life fully alive to God, resplendent with his beauty and purpose. The second is called 'theosis' and is summed up in Athanasius' phrase that 'God became human so that we could become God.' At first this sounds quite shocking, but this is exactly what God offers us through the death and resurrection of Jesus. Here we are invited into the relationship that exists between the eternal Father and Son, an endless relationship of delight and gift, utterly untouched by fear. God is nothing but this eternal movement of love, bestowed and bestowing, gift and giver, love and lover. This is what Easter Day is all about, being scooped up into the life of God, a life of endless delight and joy, a life utterly untouched by death, a life formed in and by love.

Fr Ryan

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Should you wish to make regular donations to All Saints, our preferred method of giving is via the Parish Giving Scheme. Further information about the scheme is available online at www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk. Forms are available from the Parish Office.

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Today's Mass

Hymns

Introit – Easter Troparian *adapted from the Eastern Orthodox Rite*

147 – Jesus Christ is ris'n today

157 – The day of resurrection!

148 – Jesus lives! thy terrors now

161 – This joyful Eastertide

160 – Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son

Setting – Missa Brevis *William Mathias*

Anthem – Ye choirs of new Jerusalem *Richard Shepherd*

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem, your sweetest notes employ,

The Paschal victory to hymns in strains of holy joy.

For Judah's Lion bursts his chains,

crushing the serpent's head;

And cries aloud through death's domains

to wake th'imprisoned dead.

Devouring depths of hell their prey at his command restore;

His ransomed hosts pursue their way

where Jesus goes before.

Triumphant in his glory now to him all power is given;

To him in one communion bow all saints

in earth and heaven.

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem, your sweetest notes employ,

While we soldiers praise our King,

his mercy we implore,

Within his palace bright to bring and keep us evermore.

All glory to the Father be, all glory to the Son,

All glory Holy Ghost to thee, while endless ages run.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Amen!

Collect

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. Amen.

Parish Notices

The Day of Resurrection

Today is Easter Day, where we celebrate Christ's bursting from the tomb and the joy of life he brings. Straight after mass we have an easter egg hunt for the children and a glass of prosecco for the grown-ups. *Christos Anesti! Alithos Anesti!*

Triduum Thank yous!

I want to say a big thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make our Holy Week celebrations so memorable. Special mention needs to go to Jon and the choir, Sue, Mowle and the serving team, Fr Angus our deacon, and Laura our pastoral assistant, Sarah in the office, the flower team and our readers and intercessors.

Clergy Holidays

The next two weeks will see a reduction in the clergy team due to much needed holidays. Please get in touch with the office if you need anything. There will be no morning or evening prayer the week beginning Sunday, 28th April.

Easter II

Next week is Low Sunday, and Fr Dan Inman will be our celebrant and preacher. The choir are on their post-Easter break.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

This is taking place next Sunday at 11.30am. Please join us as we elect our parish officers and reflect upon 2018 and cast our minds to the future.

APCM Booklets

These are available at the back of the church and contain the end of year accounts for 2018 and the reports from our various parish organisations.

Retreat

Thanks to everyone who has paid for this year's retreat. Could people let the vicar know if they can offer a lift for others? A timetable of the weekend will be available at the back of church from next Sunday.

For our Prayers

Margaret Stuart, Phoebe Bactor, Irene, Lou, Tom; Martyn, Angela Anderson; June and Sara Cuttress; Bob; Kala, Nikki, Wyatt Baker, David James, Sheila Dishington; Glo; Sue; Anne Bawden; James Walker, Eric. Recently departed: Audrey Simpson.

Those whose anniversaries of death fall at this time:

Alan Johnson; Leslie John Hart; Florence Maria Baker

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Available by appointment with the Vicar.

Next Week's Readings: Easter II

Acts 5: 27-32; Revelation 1: 4-8; John 20: 19-end

This Week

The Daily Office

Morning prayer Mon–Fri, 9:00am

Evening prayer Mon–Thu, 5:00pm

Weekly Eucharists

Tue 11:30am Said Mass

Wed 9:30am Said Mass (Healing Eucharist 1st Wed)

Fri 9:30am Said Mass

Sat 10.00am Mass

Sunday

8:00am Said Mass

10:00am Choral Mass

Monday

9:45am Little Fishes (term time only)

Tuesday

10:45am Exposition (30 minutes silent prayer)

Today's Readings

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.'

Acts 10: 34-43

In an impassioned sermon, Peter shows how the universal purposes of God – that the promise of life and love should be made available to all – cannot be thwarted even by death itself. Even as love seemed to have died by being hung on the tree, now the resurrection means that the message of Jesus is exploding out to fill the whole world. But how will we respond?

A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians

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.

1 Corinthians 15: 19-26

We often think of the death and resurrection of Jesus in terms of sin and making amends, but just as prevalent as this model in the New Testament, is Paul's understanding of Jesus' death and resurrection as defeating the powers of death. Christ's risen life means that we no longer have to live in the fear of death, and a life lived without fear means that we can now be open to love. What are we most afraid of in our lives, and how might Jesus' resurrection overcome that fear?

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they 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 his 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.

Luke 24: 1-12

Throughout Luke's Gospel we find surprising witnesses to the truth that Jesus brings: a young unmarried woman, an elderly man and woman in the temple, a man hiding in a tree. Now at the moment of Jesus' resurrection, it is significant that Luke has three women being the first witnesses. It is women who encounter the two men in dazzling clothes, women who remember the words of Jesus, and women who first speak the truth of the resurrection, even though the men dismiss their witness as 'an idle tale.' Whose are the voices we dismiss in the world, and how might we start to listen to them more intently?

