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THE EUCHARIST

EASTER 4

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THE GATHERING

Introit Hymn

Thine forever! God of love,
Hear us from thy throne above;
Thine forever may we be
Here and in eternity.

Thine forever! O how blest
They who find in thee their rest!
Saviour, Guardian, heavenly Friend,
O defend us to the end.

Thine forever! Lord of life,
Shield us through our earthly strife;
Thou, the Life, the Truth, the Way,
Guide us to the realms of day.

Thine forever! Thou our guide,
All our wants by thee supplied,
All our sins by thee forgiven,
Led by thee from earth to heaven.

[Mary Maude]

The Greeting

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you

All and also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Prayer of Preparation

**All 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.**

Prayers of Penitence

Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us.
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

**All Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us, forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,

pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

**All 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.**

**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.**

The Collect

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.

All Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading – Acts 9: 36 - end

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Second Reading – Revelation 7: 9 - end

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and

peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter
them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their
shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

At the end the reader says

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Gospel Reading – John 10: 22 - 30

Alleluia, Alleluia.

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

All Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

The 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 Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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 and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who 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.

Prayers of Intercession

...at the end

Merciful Father,

**All accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom,
you know our needs before we ask,
and our ignorance in asking:
have compassion on our weakness,
and give us those things

which for our unworthiness we dare not,
and for our blindness we cannot ask,
for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace – *All stand*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples
and said, 'Peace be with you.'
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

**I will sing the wondrous story
Of the Christ who died for me;
How he left his home in glory,
For the cross on Calvary.
I was lost, but Jesus found me -
Found the sheep that went astray;
Threw his loving arms around me,
Drew me back into his way.**

**I was bruised, but Jesus healed me -
Faint was I from many a fall;
Sight was gone, and fears possessed me,
But he freed me from them all.
Days of darkness still come o'er me,
Sorrow's path I often tread,
But the Saviour still is with me,
By his hand I'm safely led.**

**He will keep me till the river
Rolls its waters at my feet;
Then He'll bear me safely over,
Where the loved ones I shall meet.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
Of the Christ who died for me,
Sing it with the saints in glory,
Gathered by the crystal sea.**

*[Francis Harold Rawley
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Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

All And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Lord God,
our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,
the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and
archangels
and all the powers of heaven
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,
you embraced a people as your own.
When they turned away and rebelled
your love remained steadfast.
From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,
to be the living bread,
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.
He offered his life for sinners,
and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.
On the night before he died,
he came to supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:
*Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.*

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
*Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of
sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.*

Let us proclaim the miracle of faith:

Great is the miracle of faith:

All Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Father, we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;
we remember his dying and rising in glory,
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit ✠ as we bring before you
these gifts of your creation;
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,
form us in the likeness of Christ,
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Remember, Lord, your Church in every land.
Reveal her unity, guard her faith,
and preserve her in peace ...

Bring us at the last with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Hilda and
all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendour
for which you have created us;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
by whom, with whom, and in whom,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting
praise:

**All Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation, let us pray with confidence
as our Saviour taught us:

**All 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.**

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**All God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

Agnus Dei

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The people and president receive communion.

Communion Hymns

**Faithful Shepherd, feed me
In the pastures green;
Faithful Shepherd, lead me
Where thy steps are seen.**

**Hold me fast, and guide me
In the narrow way;
So, with thee beside me,
I shall never stray.**

**Daily bring me nearer
To the heavenly shore;
May my faith grow clearer,
May I love thee more.**

**Hallow every pleasure,
Every gift and pain;
Be thyself my treasure,
Though none else I gain.**

**Day by day prepare me
As thou seest best,**

**Then let angels bear me
To thy promised rest.**

[T B Pollock]

**Happy are they, they that love God,
Whose hearts have Christ confessed,
Who by his Cross have found their life,
And 'neath his yoke their rest.**

**Glad is the praise, sweet are the songs,
When they together sing;
And strong the prayers that bow the ear
Of heaven's eternal King.**

**Christ to their homes giveth his peace,
And makes their loves his own;
But ah, what tares the evil one
Hath in his garden sown!**

**Sad were our lot, evil this earth,
Did not its sorrows prove
The path whereby the sheep may find
The fold of Jesu's love.**

**Then shall they know, they that love him,
How all their pain is good;
And death itself cannot unbind
Their happy brotherhood.**

[Robert Bridges based on the Latin of Charles Coffin]

Prayer after Communion

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:

keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

All Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

Notices

THE DISMISSAL

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.

All Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

The minister departs.

Recessional Hymn

Jerusalem the golden,
 With milk and honey blest,
Beneath thy contemplation
 Sink heart and voice oppressed.
I know not, O I know not,
 What social joys are there,
What radiancy of glory,
 What light beyond compare.

They stand, those halls of Sion,
 Conjubilant with song,
And bright with many an angel,
 And all the martyr throng;
The Prince is ever in them,
 The daylight is serene.
The pastures of the blessed
 Are decked in glorious sheen.

There is the throne of David,
 And there, from care released,
The shout of them that triumph,
 The song of them that feast;
And they who, with their Leader,
 Have conquered in the fight,
For ever and for ever
 Are clad in robes of white.

O sweet and blessed country,
 Shall I ever see thy face?
O sweet and blessed country,
 Shall I ever win thy grace?
Exult, O dust and ashes!

**The Lord shall be thy part:
His only, his forever,
Thou shalt be, and thou art.**

[Bernard of Cluny, tr. J. M. Neale]

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SERVICE TIMES
Wednesday 11th May 11am
Sunday 8th May 9.30am

The Sunday service is livestreamed and can be viewed later our Facebook page

Please remember in your prayers this week:

THE SICK:

James Bedford	Melvyn Jansen	Roy Stone
Robb Clarke	Jane Johnson	Rev. Peter Taylor
Ann Considine	Pat Kyle	Barbara Warne
Julia Cowley	Chris Maddock	Sheila West
Michael Dixon	Mrs McCammon	Philip Willerton
Anna Elwell	Libby Mills	Chick Wilson
Jack Everett	Paulin Milton	Peter Wilson
Peter Garner	Raymond Nation	Jo Wood
Eileen Gilbert	Pat Parish	Erin
Ray Greenwood	Elizabeth Savill-Burgess	Izzy
Juilet Griffith	Delphine Scrivener	Nic
Alison Griffiths	Riley Shaw	Baby Reuben
Vicky Hall	Emily Smith	Bob
Jean Iddiols	Elsie Stone	Margaret

THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Peggy Pinfold	Pauline Lewis	Joan Harden
Robert Martin	George Nicholas	

THOSE IN OUR MEMORIAL BOOK THIS WEEK

William Henry Bembridge	Samuel Cash	Edgar Francis Sharps
Harry Northcott	Patricia Jane Shelly	Edgar John Sidwell
John Du Bock	Thomas Graham Inglis	Ronald Cash
Frances Louise Bray	Halina Dura	Oliver Springer
Thomas Henry Boswell	Stella M E Barber	Pauline Ealey

Please pray for our ALMA twin parish, Holy Cross Murrupula

NOTICES

The Parish Office is available by phone weekdays 9am – 5pm
Visitors by appointment only

Church Opening

St Hilda's is open for public worship services. Masks are optional.

Following the teaching of 'Loving thy Neighbour' - If you feel unwell, we ask that you do not attend so that we can maintain the health and safety of all who attend the services.

Peggy Pinfold

Peggy's funeral service will be held in Church on Monday 9th May at 2.30pm. The private family committal will be at Hanworth Crematorium, after which refreshments will be served here at St Hilda's Church. Peggy has left strict instructions that bright colours should be worn, it's a celebration of her life.

Pauline Lewis

Pauline Lewis's funeral is on Monday 16th May at 12 noon at Hanworth Crematorium and afterwards at Kings Fairway. Details can be found on web page paulinelewis.com

Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll will close for revision(today) Sunday 8th May 2022. If you consider St Hilda's to be your regular place of worship why not complete an Electoral Roll Application and come on our Roll. Forms are available from the Parish Office and can also be found on the blue boards.

Please complete and return these forms no later than midday today.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting – Sunday 29th May 11.30am

This will be held after the service. Election application forms for the PCC and Church Warden can be found on the blue board or obtained from the parish office.

Mothers' Union – Tuesday 10th May – 12pm

Monthly lunch meeting.

St Hilda's Breakfast – Saturday 14th May 9.30am

Join us for a hearty breakfast and a talk from a guest speaker who this month will be Cllr Nick Gething who will be talking of his recent humanitarian visit to the Ukraine / Poland border. Please book by contacting the office or through the links on our website or Facebook page.

Feed my Sheep –Tuesday 24th May 2.30pm – 4pm

The theme is Popes.

Ambling through Acts course – Next meeting Thursday 2nd June (7:30pm on the first Thursday of each month)

Led by Fr Steve, a study of the Acts of the Apostles will entail a close reading of the text. We will see the unfolding story of the beginnings of the church through the eyes of the writer, try to discern his purposes, discover new things, and learn that though the context has changed, human nature remains much the same. Hence, the struggles of those first followers may find resonances in our own day as we live out our individual lives of discipleship and participate together in the life of the church.

Everyone is very welcome to attend. There will be refreshments at the end. We will finish by saying Compline (Night Prayer) together round about 9pm. I hope to see you there. Please bring a bible – ideally the NRSV, but any version will do.

Community Lunch – every Wednesday

Join us for the Community Lunch at midday. If you are able to come forward and help, even once a month, please do liaise with Bobbie.

Bible Study – every Wednesday

Bible Study group meet in Church at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Food Bank Donations

Please use the wooden chest at the rear of the Church to place any donations for the local food bank, such as tinned and dried goods and toiletries.

Paving Slabs needed

If anyone has any spare slabs that could be used in the Memorial Garden, please see Paula Gething.

Pilgrimage to Westminster Abbey – Date TBC

A parish pilgrimage is being arranged to Westminster Abbey, please sign up on the sheet at the rear of the Church or contact the office. A date will be arranged if we have enough interest.

St Hilda's News

We are still looking for a new editor(s) to take over.

Sponsor a church chair

If you can help towards the cost of the last chairs or trolleys (that have now arrived), please complete the form at the rear of the Church.

- £90 covers the cost of a chair
- £225 covers the cost of a stacking trolley

A Time to Worship Together – Sunday 15th May – 3pm

A service and activities led by Simon Shutt, suitable for all the family. Please book tickets via our link on our website or Facebook page.



**St Hilda's Church,
Ashford**



Come and join us for an hour on

**3.00pm Sunday 15th
May 2022**

A Time to Worship Together Service

Ascension - Jesus returns to Heaven

Things to make, songs to sing, prayers to join in with.

This event is being held in conjunction with FACT, a local Christian charity.

Bring everyone who lives with you, all your household.

Light refreshments afterwards.

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