

Services in the Benefice on

# Sunday 2nd May 2021

**10am: Holy Communion**  
*in St John's Church*

&

**11.30am: Holy Communion**  
*at St Mary's Church, Meare*

*All Welcome!*

If you would like to contact the Vicar, Preb. David MacGeoch,  
please call (01458) 834281 or you can email him at  
[vicarabbeyparish@btinternet.com](mailto:vicarabbeyparish@btinternet.com)

**NB: Day off Monday**

Parish Office opening hours:  
**Tuesday - Friday;**  
**9am - 1pm**

St John's Church  
Glastonbury

# HOLY COMMUNION



# The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 25th April 2021

Organ Voluntary: John Stanley *Voluntary VII in E minor*

## Welcome & Notices

**Almighty God,**  
**whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:**  
**raise us, who trust in him,**  
**from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,**  
**that we may seek those things which are above,**  
**where he reigns with you**  
**in the unity of the Holy Spirit,**  
**one God, now and for ever.**  
*Amen.*

## Hymn : From the very depths of darkness

**1** From the very depths of darkness  
springs a bright and living light;  
out of falsehood and deceit  
a greater truth is brought to sight;  
in the halls of death, defiant,  
life is dancing with delight!  
The Lord is risen indeed!  
*Christ is risen! Hallelujah!*  
*Christ is risen! Hallelujah!*  
*Christ is risen! Hallelujah!*  
*The Lord is risen indeed!*

**2** In the light of resurrection,  
Jesus, call us all by name,  
'Do not cling to what is past,  
for things can never be the same;  
to the trembling and the fearful,  
we've a gospel to proclaim:  
The Lord is risen indeed!'  
*Chorus*

**Please keep the following people and their families in your prayers:**



Liz Affleck-Edwards  
Emma Baker-Cooke  
June Bobbett  
Neill Bonham  
Paul Branson  
Eric Cobb  
Fr. Robert Featherstone  
Joan Green  
Bishop Peter Hancock  
Ewan Hayes  
Peggy Howell  
Michael MacGeoch  
Rosemary Martin  
Elizabeth Perks "EP"  
Rick Pudner  
Barbara Sutton  
Rosemary Turnbull  
Jodi Wall  
Brian & Freda Williams

**RIP**

**Christine Coggan**  
**John 'Malcolm' Firth**  
**Leonard 'Len' Rolls**



**ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH**

**OPEN:**

Wednesday & Saturday

**10am - 12noon**

**ST JOHN'S CHURCH**

**CLOSED this week**

**3 Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
**Glory be to God on high:**  
**Alleluia to the Saviour,**  
**who has gained the victory;**  
**Alleluia to the Spirit,**  
**fount of love and sanctity;**  
**Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
**to the Triune Majesty!**

### **Dismissal**

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia.

**In the name of Christ.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Amen.**

**Organ Voluntary:**  
*Elgar Imperial March*

*Hymns Used By Kind Permission from HymnQuest  
CCL No. C70317*

**3 When our spirits are entombed**  
**in mortal prejudice and pride;**  
**when the gates of hell itself**  
**are firmly bolted from inside;**  
**at the bidding of his Spirit,**  
**we may fling them open wide;**  
**the Lord is risen indeed!**

*Chorus*

### **New Testament Reading: Acts 4: 5 - 12**

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone."

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

*At the end the reader says:*

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gloria - Sung by the Choir** [Bednall St Martins Mass]

**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 upon us.  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For 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.***

*Please Stand*

**Gospel Reading: John 10: 11 - 18**

*When the Gospel is announced, the reader says:*  
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **John.**  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Choir Anthem: Wood O Thou the Central Orb*

**Post Communion Prayer**

Living God,  
your Son made himself known to his disciples  
in the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;  
who is alive and reigns,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Blessing**

The blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

With the risen life of Christ within you,  
go in the peace of Christ, Alleluia, alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Hymn : Alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise**

- 1 Alleluia, alleluia!  
Hearts to heaven and voices raise:  
sing to God a hymn of gladness,  
sing to God a hymn of praise;  
he who on the cross a victim  
for the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,  
now is risen from the dead.**
- 2 Christ is risen, we are risen;  
shed upon us heavenly grace,  
rain, and dew, and gleams of glory  
from the brightness of thy face;  
that we, with our hearts in heaven,  
here on earth may fruitful be,  
and by angel-hands be gathered,  
and be ever, Lord, with thee.**

## The Lord's Prayer

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

We break this bread  
To share in the body of Christ.  
**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

## *Agnus Dei* Sung by the Choir [Bednall St Martins Mass]

**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.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
Who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.  
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
But only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

## GIVING OF COMMUNION

## Sermon ~ Mrs Annie Wynter-Crofts

### Nicene 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*

## Confession

*We all say...*

**Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy  
forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly,  
love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen**

## The Absolution

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.  
**Amen.**

## The Intercessions

*These responses may be used:*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

## The Peace

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. Alleuia.  
The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.  
**And also with you. Alleluia.**

## The Preparation of the Gifts

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;  
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,  
Which earth has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,  
Fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become for us the cup of salvation.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.  
**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant praises God for his mighty acts and all respond:*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,** *Sung by the Choir* [Gregory Murray]  
**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.**

*Sit as the Celebrant recalls the Last Supper*

*After the Consecration, this acclamation may be used:*

Jesus Christ is Lord:  
**Lord, by your cross and resurrection  
You have set us free.  
You are the Saviour of the world.**