

Services in the Benefice on

Sunday 9th May 2021

10am: Holy Communion
St John's Church

&

11am: Contemplative Worship
St Ben's Church

All Welcome!

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Day off Monday 3rd May

Please note: Not available Wednesday 5th May

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

St John's Church
Glastonbury

HOLY COMMUNION



The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 2nd May 2021

Welcome & Notices

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us
the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.



Hymn : Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain

- 1** Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
*Love is come again,
like wheat that springeth green.*
- 2** In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had slain,
thinking that never he would wake again,
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Chorus
- 3** Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain,
quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Chorus
- 4** When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
thy touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Chorus

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
Doreen Wells



ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH

OPEN:

Wednesday & Saturday

10am - 12noon

ST JOHN'S CHURCH

CLOSED this week

- 3 From hell's devouring jaws the prey
alone our leader bore;
his ransomed hosts pursue their way
where he hath gone before.
- 4 Triumphant in his glory now
his sceptre ruleth all;
earth, heaven and hell before him bow
and at his footstool fall.
- 5 While joyful thus his praise we sing,
his mercy we implore,
into his palace bright to bring
and keep us evermore.
- 6 All glory to the Father be,
all glory to the Son,
all glory, Holy Ghost to thee,
while endless ages run.
Alleluia! Amen.

Dismissal

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia.
In the name of Christ.
Alleluia, alleluia. Amen.

Organ Voluntary:
Bridge Allegro Marziale

New Testament Reading: Acts 8: 26 - end

Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.'

The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

At the end the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gloria - Sung by the Choir [Thorne]

**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 15: 1 – 8

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

Jesus the True Vine

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

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

Choir Anthem: Goodall Love Divine

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 : Ye choirs of new Jerusalem

- 1 Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,
your sweetest notes employ,
the Paschal victory to hymn
in strains of holy joy.**
- 2 How Judah's Lion burst his chains,
and crushed the serpent's head,
and brought with him death's domains
the long-imprisoned dead.**

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.

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* [Darke in F]

**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.**

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon ~ Mrs. Margaret Wynn

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* [Darke in F]

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.