

St Gall's Church Parish of Carnalea

On the Third Sunday of Easter

18th April 2021

Welcome & Greeting

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

We have come together in the name of Christ to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive God's holy word, to seek the forgiveness of our sins, and to pray for the needs of the world, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to the service of God.

O Lord, open our lips,

and our mouth will proclaim your praise.

Let us worship the Lord.

All praise to his name.

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation, to you be praise and glory for ever. As once you ransomed your people from Egypt and led them to freedom in the promised land, so now you have delivered us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your risen Son. May we, the first fruits of your new creation, rejoice in this new day you have made, and praise you for your mighty acts.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

Hymn 263 : Crown him with many crowns

Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God. Romans 6: 10

Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**O God, our loving Father in heaven,
we confess that we have sinned against you;
we have broken your commandments;
we have often been selfish,
and we have not loved you as we should.
For these, and all our sins, forgive us, we pray:
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The priest pronounces the absolution.

May the Father of all mercies cleanse you from your sins, and restore you in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Your word is a lantern to my feet

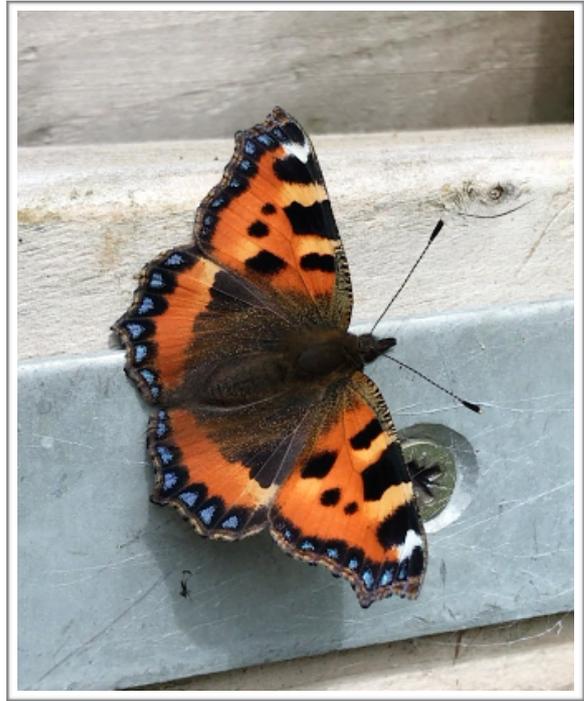
and a light upon our path.

O Lord, your word is everlasting:

it stands firm for ever in the heavens.

Let us then receive the word of the Lord.

so may the light of your presence shine into our hearts.



The First Lesson : 1 John 3: 1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he* is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 4

Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness;

you set me at liberty when I was in trouble; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

How long will you nobles dishonour my glory;

how long will you love vain things and seek after falsehood?

But know that the Lord has shown me his marvellous kindness; when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

Stand in awe, and sin not;

Commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still.

Offer the sacrifices of righteousness and put your trust in the Lord.

There are many that say, 'Who will show us any good?'

Lord, lift up the light of your countenance upon us.

You have put gladness in my heart, more than when their corn and wine and oil increase.

In peace I will lie down and sleep,

for it is you Lord, only, who make me dwell in safety.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning, is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

The Second Lesson : Luke 24: 36b-48

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.*

While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah* is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses* of these things.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

The Sermon : The Rector

The Affirmation of Faith. We stand together.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, who made the world?

I believe and trust in him

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ, who redeemed mankind?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit who gives life to the people of God?

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith. we believe and trust in One God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Hymn 224 : How deep the Father's love for us

We come now to our intercessions. Let us pray.

We use this response :

O God our defender

Answer us when we call.

Jesus, Lord of life,

in your mercy, hear us, accept our prayers, and be with us always. Amen.

The Collect for the Third Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: Give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened & sustained by his risen life & serve you continually in righteousness & truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, we pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

The Easter Blessing

Rejoice, for Christ is risen, he seeks us to rise with Him. In him is our hope, in life, in death and in all eternity. Today the risen Lord comes to us with his gift of peace. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn 288 : Thine be the Glory

Prayer of Dismissal

The risen Christ came and stood among His disciples and said, Peace be with you. Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. *John 20 :19,20*

The peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you.

Church Notices

Annual General Easter Vestry 2021

You are invited to remain in the church following this service for the Annual General Easter Vestry meeting. At this meeting we shall be electing the Select Vestry for this incoming year. If you would rather head on home - don't worry - there will be a wee break at the end of the service when you can head on - leaving by the front side door as directed by the churchwardens.

Prayers on the death of the Duke of Edinburgh for use at home.

In this moment of sorrow the Lord is in our midst
and consoles us with his word:
No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him.
Blessed are the sorrowful; they shall be comforted.

Into your hands, O Lord,
we humbly entrust our brother Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.
In this life you embraced him with your tender love,
and opened to him the gate of heaven.
The old order has passed away,
as you welcome him into paradise,
where there will be no sorrow, no weeping nor pain,
but the fullness of peace and joy
with your Son and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.
Amen.

Heavenly Father,
into whose hands Jesus Christ
commended his spirit at the last hour:
into those same hands we now commend your servant Philip,
that death may be for him
the gate to life and to eternal fellowship with you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Remember, O Lord, your servant Philip,
who has gone before us with the sign of faith and now rests in the sleep of peace.
According to your promises, grant to him and to all who rest in Christ, refreshment, light and
peace; through the same Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding, surround the Queen and the Royal
Family with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your
goodness, and strength to meet the days to come. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Gracious and holy Father, give us wisdom to perceive you, diligence to seek you,
patience to wait for you, eyes to behold you, a heart to meditate on you, and a life to proclaim you;
through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. *St Benedict (c. 480–543)*

May God in his infinite love and mercy bring the whole Church, living and departed, to a joyful
resurrection and the fulfilment of his eternal kingdom, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father,
the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**



Remembering His Royal Highness Prince Philip