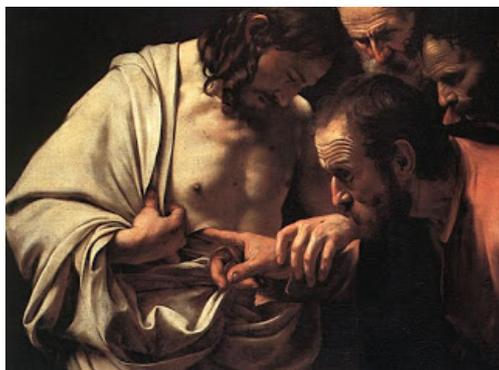


St German's Church

11 April 2021 - Easter II



The fact that the Evangelists rarely express their intentions should not stop us asking what their writings are trying to achieve. They are not mere reports, but exercises in persuasion; and our existence as living Christians two millennia later is evidence of their success. When their intention is to persuade us that Jesus is the Son of God, or that he was resurrected from the dead, this is uncontroversial. Our acceptance of those beliefs goes with our discipleship. But, in the reading from Acts, we enter sensitive territory ... namely, that, among the first Christians, private ownership was dissolved into the holding of all property in common. (Cally Hammond, Church Times 8247)

Parish Notes:

Weekday Services - Return to normal this week.

Covid Risks Update - Please continue to adhere to social distancing and so go straight to their chair and at the end of the service leave orderly. Once outside in the carpark, catch ups and some fellowship is possible because it is much safer in terms of infection rates and chances of the coronavirus spreading. We are hopeful for some further freedoms to do with worship and singing in the coming weeks.

Finance Committee - will meet in Church after mass on Mon 19 April 2021.

PCC and AGM - We need to have a brief AGM before the end of April and we are proposing at the end of mass on Sunday 25th. We also need a short PCC meeting at the end of mass next week to approve our audited accounts. Fr Phelim will be in Grangetown that day but will be back in time for our meeting. There will be another, extraordinary, meeting of the parish AGM later in the year as our reps bring forward the ministry area proposals and the decree that will help us transition from a parish into the new ministry area.

A Quiz Night open to all and led by Richard Davey, has been suggested. Donations of prizes will be welcome & all proceeds will support our Lenten charity. Expressions of interest/support to Richard or Fr Phelim. Either on Zoom or in the hall.

Faith QI - Next meets on Wednesday 21 April via zoom. Each evening we explore a different topic related to our faith and spirituality - sometimes prayer, sometimes philosophy, sometimes theology. At the heart of it is a desire to understand and deepen our own faith. The next topic will be 'God and the Pandemic'.

Recently Departed - Fr Bill Isaacs, HRH Prince Philip

This week:

Sun 11 Easter 2

9:30 Sung Mass (St S)

11am Sung Mass (St G)

Mon 12:

18:00 Mass (St G)

Tues 13:

10:00 Mass (St S)

Wed 14:

10:00 Mass (St G)

Thur 15:

17:45 Mass (St S)

Fri 16:

No Mass (St S)

Sat 10:

No Mass (St S.)

Sun 18: Easter 3

St Saviour's:

9:30 Sung Mass;

St German's:

11:00 am Sung Mass

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Acts 4:32-35

Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

1 John 5:1-6

John 20:19-31

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9

1 John 2:1-5a

Luke 24:35-48

PSALM RESPONSE

I will thank you,
Lord, for your have
given answer. (3vv)

COLLECT

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Acts.

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

This is the word of the Lord.

Acts 4

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I will thank you, Lord, for you have given answer.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

The Lord is my strength and my song; he was my saviour.

There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just.

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds.

I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not doomed to die.

Open to me the gates of holiness: I will enter and give thanks.

This is the Lord's own gate where the just may enter. I will thank you for you have answered and you are my saviour.

Psalm 118

SECOND READING

The Second Reading is from the first letter of John.

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

This is the word of the Lord.

1 Jn 5

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven

them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

John 20

THE REGINA CAELI

Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven, alleluia!

He who thou wast meet to bear alleluia!

As he promised, hath arisen, alleluia!

Pour for us to him thy prayer, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad, O virgin Mary, alleluia!

R./ For the Lord has risen indeed, alleluia!

Let us pray,
O God, by the resurrection of your son, our Lord Jesus Christ, you have brought joy to the whole world: Grant that, by the help of his mother, the virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life; through Christ the Lord. **Amen.**