

St German's Church

26 April 2020 - Easter III



In today's gospel it is Jesus who enables two disciples to make sense of his life and death. The three ways in which the risen Lord reveals himself to the disciples on the way to Emmaus presage the ways in which he reveals himself to his Church after his ascension: First of all, he reveals himself in the scriptures. Second, he reveals himself in the sacraments. It was as Jesus "took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them". The third way in which Christ reveals himself to these two disciples is through the fire of the Spirit. In retrospect, the disciples recognise that, as Jesus was "opening the scriptures", their hearts were "burning" within them. (Angus Ritchie, Church Times 8197)

Parish Notes:

Coronavirus Support - If you know of anyone who is need or can't access food shopping or collecting medicines please let at least some of us know as we may be able to help.

Lift Up Your Hearts - Spiritual Support during the pandemic. We will make available for download also a weekly page prepared by the Church Times. If you can't access the internet please let us know and we will print out some copies that can be delivered posted to you.

Easter Course - This year we will follow the 'Why on earth' course created by the Church Army. It builds on last year's Faith Pictures course and runs over 6 weeks. The topics for each week begin with the question 'why on earth' and then: faith v science; bother with the church; are Christians so judgemental; do bad things happen to good people; would I believe the Christian message; bother with Jesus. Each session has a video to watch and guided questions for our discussion. We will host a zoom meeting on these questions each Wednesday at 7pm. Ask Fr Phelim for details and an invitation. Starts this coming Wednesday 29 April at 7pm.

Online Services - The liturgical life of our community continues with online services. The format of these are youtube videos taken in either our churches or in the vicarage. Church based videos are allowed involving the priest/minister and one other person to film or say the responses. We also have scope for other use of video in our exploration of digital ministry in this time of social isolation. If you have any suggestions on digital ministry let us know, eg. virtual coffee mornings etc.

Foodbank - Please continue to donate food locally. Whilst some foodbank distribution centres have closed others have remained open (please see Cardiff Foodbank website for details of these). For dropping off donated food Cardiff Foodbank Hub remains open in Splott on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 09:30-13:30 plus many supermarkets. Again see website for details.

Recently Departed - Gwenllian Jones, Lorraine Boardman (RIP)

Llandaff Diocese Prayer Cycle:

Sun 26

3rd Sunday of Easter

Archdeaconry of Margam,
Michael Komor (Adcn)

Mon 27:

Bridgend Deanery, Ian
Hodges (AD)

Tues 28:

Ministry area of Greater
Bridgend and their clergy

Wed 29:

The Bishop's Chaplain,
Sarah Rogers

St Catherine of Siena

7pm Easter Course Online

Thur 30:

Llangeinor & the Garw
Valley, Roger Pitman (PinC)

Friday 1:

Llansantffraid, Bettws &
Aberkenfig, Suzanne
Brumwell (V)

St Joseph the worker

Saturday 2:

Llandyfodwg & Cwm Ogwr,
Julian Jenkins (PinC)

St Athanasius

Sun 3

4th Sunday of Easter

Llanilid w Pencoed & Heol y
Cyw, Ian Hodges (V),
Anglican Communion in
Japan.

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Acts 2:14, 22-33
Ps 16:1-2a+5, 7-8, 9-10,
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1 Pet 1:17-21
Luke 24:13-35

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
1 Pet 2:20b-25
John 10:1-10

PSALM:

**Show us Lord the path
of life. (4vv)**

COLLECT

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 and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Acts.

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy; my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Acts 2

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Show us, Lord, the path of life.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.
O Lord, it is you
who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.' **R/**

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R/**

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave
my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. **R/**

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. **R/**

Psalm 16

SECOND READING

A reading from the 1st letter of Peter

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

This is the word of the Lord.

1 Peter 1

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us.
Make our hearts burn within us
as you talk to us. Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had

recognised him at the breaking of bread.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Luke 24