



St John the Baptist, Catford & Downham Team Ministry



3rd Sunday of Easter



14th April 2024

Sharing & serving in Christ's name

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Today's hymns:

- ♪ Processional- 13
- ♪ Gradual- 355
- ♪ Offertory- 346
- ♪ Communion- 295
- I know that my redeemer liveth,
G.F. Handel
- ♪ Recessional- 474
- ♪ Voluntary- Concerto in Bb
Major: Allergo, G.F. Handel

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, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever **Amen.**

1st reading: Zephaniah 3.14-20

A reading from the book of the prophet Zephaniah.

¹⁴ Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!

¹⁵ The LORD has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more.

¹⁶ On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak.

¹⁷ The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing ¹⁸ as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it.

¹⁹ I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.

²⁰ At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

Psalm: 4

Refrain:

Lord, lift thou up: **the light of thy countenance upon us.**

¹ HEAR me when I call, O God of my righteousness : thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble; have mercy upon me, and hearken unto my prayer.

² O ye sons of men, how long will ye blaspheme mine honour : and have such pleasure in vanity, and seek after leasing? **R**

³ Know this also, that the Lord hath chosen to himself the man that is godly : when I call upon the Lord he will hear me.

⁴ Stand in awe, and sin not : commune with your own heart, and in your chamber, and be still.

R

⁵ Offer the sacrifice of righteousness : and put your trust in the Lord.

⁶ There be many that say : Who will show us any good? **R**

⁷ Lord, lift thou up: the light of thy countenance upon us.

⁸ Thou hast put gladness in my heart : since the time that their corn and wine and oil increased.

⁹ I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest : for it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety. **R**

2nd reading: Acts 3.12-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

¹² Peter addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?

¹³ The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him.

¹⁴ But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you,

¹⁵ and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses.

¹⁶ And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.



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17 And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers.

18 In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer.

19 Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.'

Gospel Reading: Luke 24.36-48

36 While the eleven and their companions were talking about what they had heard, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'

37 They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost.

38 He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?

39 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.'

40 And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.

41 While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?'

42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish,

43 and he took it and ate in their presence.

44 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.'

45 Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,

46 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,

47 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

48 You are witnesses of these things.'

Prayers

For our school, its staff and pupils as they return from their break.

For healing and protection for: Peggy Harmon, Jenna, Melissa, Peta & Julia Galloway, Bilki & family, Ruth Slater, Drew Spikes, Aileen Harding, Evely & Dione Colville, Jake Simpson, James Stewart, Autherlin Silvera, Emma & Robert Skone-James, Annie Boyle-Renner, Ada Johnson, Pelu Thomas, the Erengwa family, Dean, Catherine Hall, Adenike Adekoa, Gloria Scott, Debbie Beadle, Kate, Glynn, David Murrell, Marcel, Rev'd Margaret, Julia Johnson, Joan Rochefort, Caitlin, Theresa, Sean, Glenn Stephen.

For those departed this life including John Garlinge, Pam Fair, and those with an anniversary of a death at this time, including Akinwale Akinmuboni and Mollie Breame.

Church Diary

3rd Sunday of Easter (14th)

10.30am Sung Mass with Children's Church led by Debbie.

Prayer chapel open 8-5.30pm, Sunday- Thursday.

Mon-Fri: 7.30am Morning Prayer

Mon-Thur: 5pm Evening Prayer.

Tuesday 16th

Isabella Gilmore, deaconess, 1923

8.30am Said Mass

1.30pm Mothers' Union- all welcome.

Wednesday 17th

10am Said Mass

4th Sunday of Easter (21st)

10.30am Sung Mass with Children's Church led by Kerry.

Notices

Our St John's AGM is on 28th April, after the Mass.

Children's Church 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays of the month.

St John's WhatsApp prayer group- speak to Anne-Marie or Shea to join.

Jeannie Hawkin's funeral will be held on Friday 26th April, 10.30am at Holy Cross, Catford. A fund has been set up to pay for the service which you can donate to at <https://app.collectionpot.com/pot/3204159>

Robert Garlinge is doing a sponsored walk for Lewisham Speaking up. To sponsor him go to <https://shorturl.at/egqA1>

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