

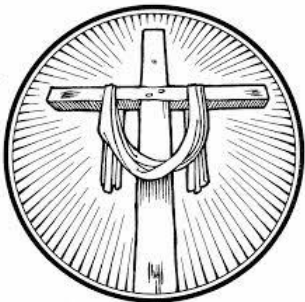
## Reflection for Easter 3

Today we read Luke's account of when Jesus appeared to his closest friends and disciples at the end of that first Easter day, after John's account last week. Luke concentrates on how (once he had demonstrated he was not a ghost!) Jesus opened their minds to see that his suffering and death on the cross, and his subsequent glorious resurrection, were parts of God's plan to reconcile mankind (and indeed all creation) to himself, and had been long foretold in the prophets and in the law of Moses. That plan had successfully conquered death and brought forgiveness of sins to all who repent, but it wasn't finished: the victory had to be carried and proclaimed to all nations, and that task would fall to Jesus's disciples and followers (once the Holy Spirit had been received). We see Peter witnessing to God's loving actions, both by the message he proclaims to the crowd at the Temple and by the healing (of a crippled man) that had just previously happened.

We too can and should witness to the love, power and glory of God's victory by every day doing what is right. As John's letter says, we don't do that to become God's children but rather because we have already been given that status and want to become more like our righteous brother and Lord, Jesus.

Alleluia! Amen!

Ian Totterdell



### Codes for the Zoom worship at 10.30

These are codes for Sundays from 11.04.21 until the end of June

**Meeting ID:** 843 1587 4178

**Passcode:** 180903

**Telephone numbers** (as previously) 0203 051 2874, 0203 481 5237, 0203 481 5240, 0131 460 1196

**NEXT SUNDAY 25.04.2021 4th Sunday of Easter**

**SERVICES** 10.30am by Zoom, 12 noon in Church



#### READINGS

OT Acts 4: 5-12  
NT 1 John 3: 16-end  
Gospel John 10: 11-18

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# St Thomas, Exeter

## Sunday 18th April 2021

### 3rd Sunday of Easter

**10.30 by Zoom (phone-in available)**

**12 noon Mass in Church**

It is almost a year since we started sending out printed resources each week and organising Sunday worship via Zoom. Quite early on in the first lockdown, I remember asking someone what they appreciated most of what the church was providing. 'The pewsheets,' she replied, adding that it gave a chance each week to join together as a Christian community in reading scripture and praying together, as well as catching up on the church's news.

A huge 'thank you' to Jenny Thomas, Phil Baker and all those who work so hard to create, photocopy and post the pewsheets available each week.

Let us continue together to celebrate the joyful and disorientating promise of Easter.

*Revd. Sarah*

Mary Daunton says that if anyone wishes to give a gift in memory of Chris, it can be given to 'Remember That Song'. Details to follow.

**Please Note** that we have **new Zoom codes** for Sunday worship, given in the box on the left, with a link also to be sent by email. We are keeping an active eye on what is possible in terms of worship and meeting, and how best to react to it.



## 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**

## Acts 3: 12-19

When Peter saw it, he 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? 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. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. 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. 'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out,'

## 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.

## 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.

## Post Communion

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**

## NOTICES

**The winner of the 'Easter Joy' photography competition** was Karen Williams, who has selected the Royal British Legion as her chosen charity. The U14s prize was won by Seren Woodland. The winning photos will be displayed outside church to share the Easter joy. Thank you to all who entered.

## Knit and Natter Update for April 2021

We shall hope to meet in the park as last year. Meanwhile, we continue our Zoom meetings on Thursdays 11.15am to 11.55am thanks to Vanessa. All details from Jenny on 01392 498725.

**Annual Meeting** Sunday 16 May by Zoom, talk in Church.

**Community Larder** The Community Larder will be collecting on **Tuesdays only** from 10am-12noon, and is allowed to continue operating during the period of lockdown. The collecting point is in the Church Hall. Judith Southam has **home-made chutneys and marmalade for sale** The jars are labelled with a full list of ingredients. All proceeds will be given to the Community Larder. Please continue to be generous.

**House Group.** Tuesday evenings. Please contact Ian Totterdell for Zoom details.

**Electoral Roll revision** Carolyn Bryant is revising the roll this year in advance of the APCM. Because of the current restrictions, we will assume that folk wish to continue on the roll unless they specifically tell us otherwise. If you are not on the roll and wish to be, contact the Parish Office by email or phone, Fr David or Ian Totterdell.

**200 Club** If you would like to join the 200 Club please see Andrew Withers.

