

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, MENDLESHAM
Second Sunday of Eastertide – Year C

Hymn at Ablutions: 153.
Post Communion Prayer Regina Coeli (front of Hymn Book) Blessing
Recessional Hymn: 302.

Tea/coffee in Church after Mass. Please stay. Easter Day concludes tonight

TODAY: Tour of Norfolk Churches. 2:30. Rushford, Brettenham, Bridgham, E. Harling.

This week: Divine Office – Psalter Week 2

Mon: ST MARK (Feast)

1:30 Exposition of Blessed Sacrament for silent prayer.
2:30pm Mass. Laying on of hands & anointing.
(1 Peter 5v.5-14; Mark 16v.15-20) Int: Sick, Healing Ministry)

Tues: ST GEORGE (Solemnity)

9:30 Mass (Rev 12v.10-12; Hebrews 11v.33-40; John 15v.18-21)
10:30-12:30 Coffee in Church.
(Int: HM Queen Elizabeth & her government)

Wed: 8:00 Mass. (Acts 5v.17-26; John 3v.16-21) Int: World Peace

Thurs: 9:30 Requiem Mass – April Anniversaries. (Rev 2v.1-9; John 12v.23-27)

Fri: ST CATHERINE OF SIENNA (Feast)

9:30 Requiem Mass for Joan Hill (Gen 12v.1-4; John 6v.44-51)
2:30 Funeral Service – Joan Hill followed by burial in the Churchyard Extension

Sat: 10:00 1st Mass of Sunday. Int: Our May Fiesta
4:00 Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Next Sunday - 3rd of Easter. May Fiesta.

9:30 Parish Mass, Address & Crowning of May Queen.
11:15 May Procession to the King’s Head. Lunch in Church.
(Acts 5v.27-32; Rev 5v.11-14; John 21 v.1-19)

NOTICES

1. Please sign list for shared lunch after next Sunday’s May procession
2. National Pilgrimage to Walsingham is on Mon 2nd May.
3. 1st Tour of Church will be on Friday 6th May – 7:00pm.
4. Lent Boxes for the ACS should be returned by 8th May

Theme: Like the first disciples on the very first Easter Sunday, in this Mass we shall experience our risen Lord among us in a special way. He will come to us, giving us peace, inspiring us with his Holy Spirit and sending us into the world to be his apostles.

Entrance Hymn: 543 v 1 Prayers for dead - Holy Cross Chapel - v 2-4

PENITENTIAL RITE:

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, for not always doing our best in our work. Lord have mercy. **People:** (sing) **Kyrie Eleison**

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, for failing to give ourselves in service to others. Christ **have** mercy. **People:** (sing) **Christe Eleison**

Celebrant: Forgive us, Lord, for letting routine become more important than our care for people. Lord have mercy. **People: Kyrie Eleison**

GLORIA: Sanctus setting (words on laminated card)

OPENING PRAYER: *Let us pray for a deeper awareness of our Baptism.* God of mercy, you wash away our sins in water, you give us new birth in the Spirit, and redeem us in the blood of Christ. As we celebrate Christ’s resurrection increase our awareness of these blessings, and renew your gift of life within us.

LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD: First Reading: Acts 5 v. 12-16:

This tells of the high regard in which the apostles were held by the ordinary people and of the cures they worked on behalf of those sick in body or in spirit.

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 117

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

Let the sons of Israel say: “His love has no end.”

Let the sons of Aaron say: “His love has no end.”

Let those who fear the Lord say: “His love has no end.” ®

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.®

O Lord, grant us salvation; O Lord, grant success.

Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord; the Lord God is our light. ®

Second Reading: Revelation 1 v. 9-13, 17-19: John, in exile for having preached Christ has a vision of the living Lord.

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One, I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

Gospel Hymn: 543 v. 5.

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: "You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe." Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20 v. 19-31. The peace of Christ comes again to displace the fear of the Apostles in their mission to bring the forgiveness of Christ to the community. The doubts of Thomas give way to his profound profession of faith: "My Lord and my God."

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.'

Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

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

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

Address Creed: (page 8 of Hymn Book, Apostles' Creed)

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

Celebrant: If we are to lead others to Christ, we need the Spirit of Service which

only God can give. We put before the Father our needs and those of all people, understanding on our part to do what is necessary.

Reader: Let us pray for the Church: may the Holy Spirit make of it a community of brothers and sisters where all will find understanding, acceptance and pardon.

Let us pray that our faith in Christ and in his love may continue to grow in spite of doubts and difficulties and that the Lord may use our lives to touch the minds and hearts of those whose faith is weak.

Let us pray that as Christians we may learn to forgive each other and so show the world the power of the Holy Spirit.

When the doors of our hearts are closed and we are afraid; when people are captive in rooms of hatred, we pray that Jesus will come and radiate the light and joy of his presence among us. We pray for all who suffer in Ukraine.

Let us pray for those who care for the sick, especially our local doctors and nurses, that they may see in their sick brothers and sisters the person of Christ himself and be encouraged to continue their healing ministry with renewed patience, compassion and skill.

Let us pray for those who are ill, may they know the healing power of the risen Lord in their lives, especially as this comes to them through members of the Church. We pray for sick parishioners in care homes; our house communicants Jan Ross, Jan Robinson, Julie Gray and Lucy Muskett for all to be anointed at our healing service.

Let us pray for those who have died, may they receive a share in the new life of the risen Lord – especially: Emma Emery, Russell Parker, Tom Cooke, Olive Partridge, John Donoghue, Sylvia Welham, Roger Keeble, Gloria Calver, Lionel Bruce; Stan Clements; Alice Curson; Fr. John Bishop; May Barker and Ethel Hurford; whose anniversaries fall at this time.

Let us ask Mary, the Holy Mother of our Saviour, to pray for us - **Hail Mary, Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

S I L E N C E

All: Lord Jesus Christ, you rose from the dead so that all might believe and find eternal life. Grant us the will to reach out even when we are without comfort ourselves; the grace to see in darkness; and the faith to go on believing in you even in the midst of doubt. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory Hymn: 363 v.1-3 Offertory Prayers (P9) Hymn v.4 - end.

Sanctus: Sanctus Setting. Mystery of Faith: Sanctus setting.

After Eucharistic Prayer: **Blessed and praised be Jesus Christ, in the most Holy Sacrament. Hosannah! Hosannah! Hosannah in excelsis!**

Agnus Dei: Sanctus setting.

Hymn at Holy Communion: 395 and 12 – *please join in.*