

Post Communion Prayer

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.**

SERVICES IN THE NEXT WEEK

Wednesday 4th May English Saints & Martyrs
10am SAID EUCHARIST

Next Sunday 8th May Easter 4
8.45am SAID EUCHARIST
10am SUNG EUCHARIST
7pm COMPLINE (on Zoom)

NOTICES

22nd May

11.30am ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Please look on the table in the South Aisle for details and nomination lists.

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SUNDAY 1st May 2022

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Celtic Eucharist

Welcome to St Cross for our evening eucharist.

A reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah:

A writing of King Hezekiah of Judah, after he had been sick and had recovered from his sickness:

I said: In the noontide of my days I must depart; I am consigned to the gates of Sheol for the rest of my years.

I said, I shall not see the LORD in the land of the living;

I shall look upon mortals no more among the inhabitants of the world.

My dwelling is plucked up and removed from me like a shepherd's tent; like a weaver I have rolled up my life; he cuts me off from the loom; from day to night you bring me to an end; I cry for help until morning; like a lion he breaks all my bones; from day to night you bring me to an end. Like a swallow or a crane I clamour, I moan like a dove. My eyes are weary with looking upwards. O Lord, I am oppressed; be my security!

But what can I say? For he has spoken to me, and he himself has done it.

All my sleep has fled because of the bitterness of my soul.
O Lord, by these things people live, and in all these is the life of my spirit. O restore me to health and make me live!
Surely it was for my welfare that I had great bitterness; but you have held back my life from the pit of destruction, for you have cast all my sins behind your back. For Sheol cannot thank you, death cannot praise you; those who go down to the Pit cannot hope for your faithfulness.

The living, the living, they thank you, as I do this day; fathers make known to children your faithfulness. The LORD will save me, and we will sing to stringed instruments all the days of our lives, at the house of the LORD.

Isaiah 38.9-20

*This is the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God***

Alleluia, alleluia.

*I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one; I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore. **Alleluia***

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John:
Glory to you, O Lord*

Martha said to Jesus, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'
When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you

had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

John 11.27-44

*This is the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ.***

The Collect for the Day

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.**