



25th April 2021
4th Sunday of Easter

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Notices

Choir Practice

After a year of online recordings, the singers are now meeting live and regular rehearsals have begun. Please get in touch if you would like to join, even if you cannot commit to every week. Music and practice tracks will be circulated in advance of each rehearsal.

Holy Week: This Week!

The Orthodox Church celebrates Maundy Thursday this week with a service at St James' from 10.30 am until lunchtime. All are welcome to come. However, unlike western tradition, there is no expectation to stay for the whole time.

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A warm welcome to all, especially those visiting us for the first time. To find out more about St James', please come and chat to us or visit our website. If you would like us to keep in touch with you, please ask for a contact card to leave your details.

This Week

Morning Prayer Online: 8.30 am Mon – Fri
Mon 26th April Mark 13 vv. 5 – 13
Mark, evangelist

Tue 27th April John 10 vv. 22 – 30
Christina Rossetti, poet, 1894

Wed 28th April John 12 vv. 44 – 50
Peter Chanel, missionary, martyr, 1841

Thu 29th April John 13 vv. 16 – 20
Catherine of Siena, teacher of the faith, 1380
7.00 pm Choir practice

Fri 30th April John 14 vv. 1 – 6
Pandita Mary Ramabai, translator, 1922

Sat 1st May John 14 vv. 1 – 14
Philip and James, apostles

Next Sunday: 2nd May 5th Sunday of Easter

John 15 vv. 9 – 17
8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Eucharist

Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

First Reading: Acts 4 vv. 5-12

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. He shall refresh my soul and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full. Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.



Second Reading: 1 John 3 vv. 16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us – and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel Reading: John 10 vv. 11-18

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away – and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'