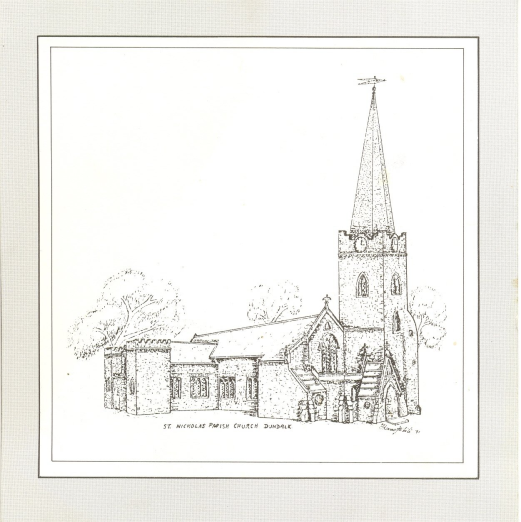


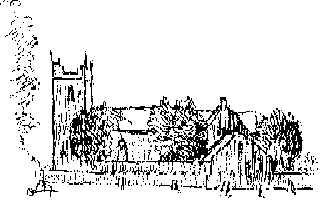
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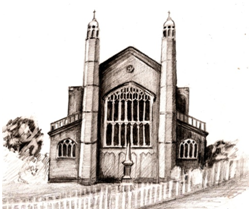


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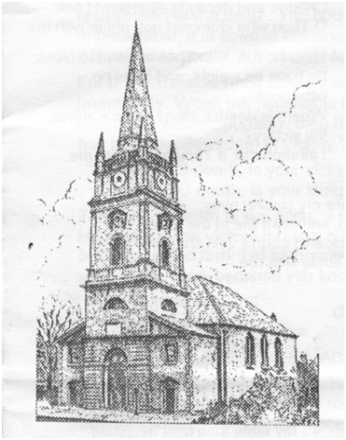
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O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;

let the whole earth stand in awe of Him.

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**20200419 SECOND SUNDAY of EASTER**

**HOLY COMM UNION**

*Opening Hymn: O love that wilt not let me go*

*Joyce and Richard*

**THE GREETING** *page 201*

Christ is risen!

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE**

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

**THE COLLECT FOR PURITY**

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF PENITENCE**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:  
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it. You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets. *Matthew 22: 37-39*

**Lord, have mercy on us, and write these your laws in our hearts.**

**CONFESSION**

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ, to save us from our sins, to intercede for us in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God’s commandments and to live in love and peace:

*Silence*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought and word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may walk in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One: you alone are the Lord: you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the Glory of God the Father. Amen.

**THE COLLECT of THE SECOND SUNDAY of EASTER**

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins  
and to rise again for our justification: Grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son  
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**THE FIRST READING Acts 10: 34-43**

The first reading is from Acts, chapter 2, beginning at verse 14.

## Acts 2: 14a, 22-32

14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

*Diane*

22 ‘You that are Israelites,[\*](javascript:void(0);) listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth,[\*](javascript:void(0);) a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— 23this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. 24But God raised him up, having freed him from death,[\*](javascript:void(0);) because it was impossible for him to be held in its power.  *Diane*

*Julie* 25For David says concerning him,  
“I saw the Lord always before me,  
   for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;  
26 therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
   moreover, my flesh will live in hope.  
27 For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
   or let your Holy One experience corruption.  
28 You have made known to me the ways of life;  
   you will make me full of gladness with your presence.” *Julie*

*Debbie*

29 ‘Fellow Israelites,[\*](javascript:void(0);) I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. 30Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. 31Foreseeing this, David[\*](javascript:void(0);) spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah,[\*](javascript:void(0);) saying,  
“He was not abandoned to Hades,  
   nor did his flesh experience corruption.”  
32This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 23

## *Sung as a duet by the Rev’d Captain Geoffrey and Mrs Christine Walmsley*

## EPISTLE 1 Peter 1: 3-9

*Rita*

The Epistle is written in First Epistle of Peter, in the first chapter, beginning at the third verse.

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, 5who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6In this you rejoice,[\*](javascript:void(0);) even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, *Rita*

7so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. 8Although you have not seen[\*](javascript:void(0);) him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, 9for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Gradual Hymn: Thine be the glory (last verse)*

*The Rev’d Iain Jamieson*

## THE GOSPEL READING John 20: 19-31

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St John, chapter 20, beginning at the nineteenth verse.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ 20After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ 22When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. 23If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’

24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin[\*](javascript:void(0);)), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord.’ But he said to them, ‘Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.’

26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ 27Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.’ 28Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ 29Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.’

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31But these are written so that you may come to believe[\*](javascript:void(0);) that Jesus is the Messiah,[\*](javascript:void(0);) the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**SERMON** *The Rev’d Iain Jamieson*

**THE NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Let us pray in the peace of the Risen Christ and with the faith of the Apostles.

*Charlie*

God our Father, we pray for the world you have created. Look with compassion on nations torn apart by strife, greed and want. Bring the peace of the Risen Christ into the hearts of all whose only response is to counter evil with more evil.

*Hazel O’D*

Lord Jesus Christ, your church, the people of the gospel, are gathered together in worship though separated from one another. Grant us the wisdom to know and the power to proclaim the good news of the Resurrection. Give to Bishops, priests, deacons and to all who minister, the strength of the Holy Spirit to bring pardon, peace and healing, in your Holy Name.

*Alex*

We hold before you all who are ill in mind or body or spirit. We pray for all who live in fear, all who are prisoners because of isolation, addiction, injustice or their own poor choices. Risen Lord Jesus, stand among them, bring them peace and healing.

Kyrie, Kyrie, Kyrie Eleison (Lord, Lord, Lord, have mercy) *(Joyce)*

*Ruth*

We give thanks for the courage of all who go to work so that the sick may be tended, the hungry fed and the unseen corners cleaned.

We give thanks for the leaders of nations whose wisdom and courageous decisions have saved the lives of many. Bring wisdom to the few whose foolishness needlessly risks the lives of vulnerable people. Holy Spirit, strengthen, protect and enlighten us all.

*Hazel S*

As our isolation forces us to rethink our values and reorganise our priorities, give us grace truly to see what is precious, gratefully to acknowledge all that we have, and above all, to see your hand upholding all that we are. At this time of testing, we pray: Heavenly Father, strengthen us when doubt arises. Give us the will and perseverance to think and study, so as to find reassurance and a stronger faith. Send your Holy Spirit to guide all who find it difficult to believe the good news of the Gospels We ask through Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

*Victor*

We hold before you the Jeffers and the Anderson families, bereaved by the deaths of Robin and Valerie. Comfort all who mourn the death of loved ones. As we cherish their memories and give thanks for their example, we pray that we may share with them the joys of your eternal kingdom.

Kyrie, Kyrie, Kyrie Eleison (Lord, Lord, Lord, have mercy) *(Joyce)*

*David*

**PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS**

**We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.**

*Geoffrey assisted by Christine*

**THE PEACE**

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**and also with you.**

**AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE**

Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ our risen high priest; make yourself known in the breaking of bread. **Amen.**

**THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE**

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us

**therefore let us celebrate the feast.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING  EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 1**

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Father, almighty and everliving God, at all times and in all places it is right to give you thanks and praise:

 Father, Lord of all creation, we praise you for your goodness and your love. When we turned away, you did not reject us. You came to meet us in your Son, welcomed us as your children and prepared a table where we might feast with you.

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened wide his arms upon the Cross and with love stronger than death, he made the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

Lord Jesus, our Redeemer, on the night before you died, you came to table with your friends. Taking bread, you gave thanks, broke it and gave it to them saying:

Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

**Lord Jesus, we bless you, you are the bread of life.**

At the end of supper you took the cup of wine, gave thanks and said, Drink this, all of you’ tis is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

**Lord Jesus, we bless you, you are the true vine.**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Dying, you destroyed our death, rising, you restored our life; Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Holy spirit, giver of life, come upon us now; may this bread and wine be to us the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts make u, who know our need of grace, one in Christ our risen Lord.**

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Blessed Trinity: with your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of thanks and praise and lift our voice to join the song of heaven for every praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Thanks be to you, our God, for you gift beyond words.

**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** *page 218*

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**We being many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

**AGNUS DEI**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, Redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

**THE COMMUNION**

Draw near with faith, receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you , and his blood which he shed for you. Remember that he died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*Hymn during Communion Breathe on me, breath of God*

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

The blood of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

**THE GREAT SILENCE**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Father of all, we give you thank and praise, that when we were still fa off you met us in your son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ’s body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give life to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all you children shall be free and the whole earth live to praise your name through Christ our Lord . **Amen.**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

**THE BLESSING**

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen**.

**DISMISSAL**

Go in the peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**