

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 65:1-2

**Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.**

THE COLLECT

May your people exult for ever, O God, in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15. 17-19
Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps 4:2. 4.7.9. R.v7

R) Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

When I call, answer me, O God of justice;
from anguish you released me, have
mercy and hear me! **(R)**

It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves;
the Lord hears me whenever I call him. **(R)**

'What can bring us happiness?' many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. **(R)**

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once,
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St John 2:1-5

I am writing this, my children,
to stop you sinning;
but if anyone should sin,
we have our advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ, who is just;
he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away,
and not only ours,
but the whole world's.

We can be sure that we know God
only by keeping his commandments.
Anyone who says, 'I know him',
and does not keep his commandments,
is a liar,
refusing to admit the truth.

But when anyone does obey what he has said,
God's love comes to perfection in him.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**Alleluia, alleluia!** Cf.Lk 24:32

**Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us.
Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Luke 24:35-48

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive, O Lord, we pray,
these offerings of your exultant Church,
and, as you have given her cause for such great gladness,
grant also that the gifts we bring
may bear fruit in perpetual happiness.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Lk 24:46-47

**The Christ had to suffer and on the third day rise from the dead;
in his name repentance and remission of sins
must be preached to all the nations, alleluia.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look with kindness upon your people, O Lord,
and grant, we pray,
that those you were pleased to renew by eternal mysteries
may attain in their flesh
the incorruptible glory of the resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord.

THE ORDER OF MASS

Whenever the Priest says:
The Lord be with you.
The people reply:
And with your spirit.

Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have
failed to do,

And, striking their breast, they say:
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Or:

Have mercy on us, O Lord.
For we have sinned against you.
Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
And grant us your salvation.

Or:

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:
Lord, have mercy. *Or:* Kyrie, eleison.
Lord, have mercy. Or: Kyrie, eleison.

You came to call sinners:
Christ, have mercy. *Or:* Christe, eleison.
Christ, have mercy. Or: Christe, eleison.

You are seated at the right hand of the
Father to intercede for us:
Lord, have mercy. *Or:* Kyrie, eleison.
Lord, have mercy. Or: Kyrie, eleison.

The Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.**

**We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.**

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

**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 Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
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.

I 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 adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Or:***The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

All bow

**born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),...
**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good
and the good of all his holy Church.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right and just.

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Kneel

The mystery of faith.
**We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.**

Or:

**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.**

*Stand**Or:*

**Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.**

The Communion Rite

Behold the Lamb of God...
**Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.**

*All bow***The Concluding Rites**

After the blessing the Deacon, or the Priest, says:
Go forth, the Mass is ended. *Or:*
Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord. *Or:*
Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life. *Or:*
Go in peace.

The people reply:
Thanks be to God.



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WEEKLY SERVICES

Sat	17th		St Wilfrid's	
		Third Sunday of Easter (Collection for the Education of Future Priests next Sunday)		
Sun	18th	9.00am	St George's -	Bernard Listor-Dobson RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Parish Communities' Intention
Mon	19th		St George's -	
Tue	20th	10.00am	St George's -	The Nevill Family Intention
Wed	21st	10.00am	St Wilfrid's -	Margaret Madams RIP
Thurs	22nd		St Georges -	
Fri	23rd	12.00pm	St Wilfrid's -	Requiem Mass for David Curtis
Sat	24th		St Wilfrid's -	
		Fourth 'Good Shepherd' Sunday of Easter (Collection for the Education of Future Priests Today)		
Sun	25th	9.00am	St George's -	Sheila Campbell RIP
		10.30am	St Wilfrid's -	Parish Communities' Intention

St George's Church, Masses are now held on Tuesdays, at 10am and Sundays, 9am **Booking is essential - ring 870990.**
Booking for St Wilfrid's Church: Go to our website www.saintsgeorgeandwilfrid.co.uk, click the link "Book a Mass" on the righthand side of the front page, select your Mass and follow the instructions, or contact the office on 841504.

IMPORTANT: Going into hospital? Would like a visit from the Catholic Chaplaincy? Ring 417400, ext. 4145 and leave a message for the Catholic Chaplain. Please also let Fr Rory know.

St Thomas a Becket Nursery School: Tel 01323 725977 **St Thomas a Becket Primary School:** Tel 01323 737221
St Richard's Catholic College, Bexhill: Tel 01424 731070

New to the Parish or would like to get back in touch but not sure how? Please complete the welcome form available in the porch and/or make yourself known to Fr. Rory. *It would be great to get to know you and offer any help.*

USEFUL PARISH INFORMATION

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POLEGATE CHURCHES TOGETHER

Contact: Margaret Piegrome 01323 870990
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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS those who are unwell: Lily May, Edna Andrews, Julliette Lusted, Jennifer Piskac, Margaret Gearing, Joshua Hardy, Peter & Teresa Zurenkas, Anne Holt, Margaret, Lilian Summers, Tom Woodrow-Spencer, Angela Archer, Colleen, Maura Marshall, Chris Neyenhuizen, Letty Booth and Michael Copper.

PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER THOSE NAMED IN THE BOOKS IN OUR CHURCHES

Newsletter items: Please send to Jackie at ssgeorge.wilfrid@btinternet.com, tel.841504 or by hand marked **NEWSLETTER**, to Fr. Rory's House by **9am Wednesday.**
Office Hours Monday 9am-1pm, Wednesday 8.45am-12.45pm & Friday 9am-12.30pm

Fr Rory Writes:

Continued...

Christ has died. Christ is Risen. Christ will come again.

Finally He will come in Glory. In the meantime He commits to us in many ways, especially in the Scriptures, but above all in the Gospels. The great story at this time is when He joins the disciples on their way to Emmaus. This was read on Tuesday, very appropriately and powerfully by Deacon John at Dorothy Blake's Requiem Mass. "So he went in to stay with them. Now while He was with them at the table, He took the bread and said the blessing; then He broke it and handed it to them". Their eyes were opened and they recognised Him but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other "did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?" Luke 24. 28-30.

For us this is a very special time of opportunity. In our preparations during Lent an obvious point of reference was the Stations of the Cross. This then provided the appropriate background to our experience with the coronavirus and all of life's journey with its crosses and trials. These are common in every age and an unavoidable part of life. As mentioned before, my grandfather died of the flu which killed millions of people after the first world war. Another event which dramatically brought home to me the fact that in every generation there are hardships in life, due to episodes such as the virus we are enduring today. The threat associated with this virus reminds me of the plight of a family who came to Battle Road, Hailsham at the same time as evacuees like Dorothy, who moved to Hailsham from London. This in turn brought to mind another very difficult illness - tuberculosis. The mother of this family died of it; my own father suffered from it shortly after the war. By the time of his illness a treatment - Penicillin - had been discovered which, as my dad said "for those who were fortunate, this treatment brought them back from the brink of death". We are fortunate with the vaccination process going so far, so very good - a big thanks to God.

Please God, we will return to a more normal life with its great challenges. This coincides with the resurrection and the new life of the early church. The Stations of the Resurrection which have been recently introduced and particularly encouraged by Peter Robinson, who like many great servants of our community died recently and was a great loss to us, may inspire us with a new lease of life.

We will begin next Sunday with the Stations of the Resurrection. The first one will be '**Jesus is Risen**'. We love you Lord Jesus and we trust in you. For we know you are risen from the dead and live in us.

Deacon John Writes:

I came across this story this week. I thought you might like it. It does give one some food for thought!

There was once a little boy who always wanted to meet Jesus. One day he was walking home from Sunday school. As he went through the park, he noticed an old woman sitting on a park bench. She looked lonely and hungry, so he sat down and offered part of the chocolate bar he had been saving. She accepted it with a smile. He gave her more of the candy, and she shared a can of root beer with him. They sat together in a very friendly manner, eating and drinking and smiling at each other. When the boy got up to leave, he reached over the woman and gave her a big hug. He walked home smiling. His mother noticed his big smile and happiness on his face and asked, "What did you do today that made you so happy?" "I had lunch with Jesus. And she has a great smile," he said. The old woman returned to the small apartment she shared with her sister. She too was smiling. Her sister asked her why she was so happy. "I just had lunch with Jesus. And he is a lot younger than I expected," she said. (John Pichappilly in The Table of the Word.)

During Divine Mercy Sunday, Father Rory welcomed into St George's Church three new Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. The Commissioning took place after the Lord's Prayer, with a lovely ceremony conducted by Father when he invited them to make their commitment to this important ministry. It was a very appropriate day to make such an undertaking, as we celebrate the risen Christ and are "united, heart and soul". The beautiful flowers and the Easter arrangements on the sanctuary lent a poignant touch to this important event in the life of our church.

CAFOD: Thank you for your generous donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day during Lent. We featured Marian and her son Svondo in Zimbabwe in Lent 2018. The community vegetable garden that your donations helped provide is growing well and during the pandemic the family has survived on the vegetables. Your support has also helped to provide soap and handwashing stations in the garden and in family homes. This is just one of many long-term development projects that CAFOD has funded with the money from that Fast Day. Thank you for your steadfast support.

Dear Mission Supporters, through our parish's Red Boxes, and individuals giving to the Red Box directly (e.g. online and direct debits), St. Wilfrid RC Church raised £837.25 in 2020. Cheques should be made out to MILL HILL and post it to Red Box, 23 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1NU. For online or bank transfer: missio.org.uk/redbox. For credit or debit card donations call Missio on 020 7821 9755. Before too long we hope to collect your Red Boxes again. Many thanks to you all, and keep well. Doris Jung

David Curtis RIP:

The requiem mass for David will be offered on Friday 23 April at 12 noon. If you would like to attend, please contact Lulu on 01323 846509 - there are six spaces available. Burial afterwards at Hailsham Cemetery.