

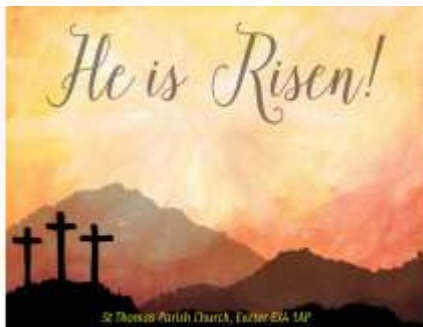
Reflection Easter 2 John 20:19-31

On this 2nd Sunday of Easter we read that the Disciples were in hiding obviously frightened that the same thing might happen to them as had happened to Jesus. Rather than being joyful they were fearful. Locked doors are no barrier to the Risen Lord, we might feel like “hiding” our faith sometimes afraid to stick our head above the parapet as it were.

When we feel lost and alone, it's easy to feel abandoned without that sense that Jesus is with us,

John 20:19-31 reminds me that Jesus is always with us, gifting us, gracing us, walking with us daily speaking those words as He spoke to His frightened followers “Peace be with you”

Fr Terry



NEXT SUNDAY 04.05.25 Third Sunday of Easter
10.30am in the Church

READINGS: OT Acts 9: 1-6 (7-20)
NT Revelation 5: 11-14
GOSPEL John 21: 1-19



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St Thomas, Exeter

27th April 2025

Second Sunday of Easter

10.30am in the Church

Today

Sung Eucharist

Hymn Numbers

25 Alleluia, alleluia, hearts to heaven

324 Love's redeeming work is done

495 The strife is o'er, the battle done

Wednesday 30th April

10am Holy Communion (BCP)

12noon Funeral of Carole Smith (in Church)

Thursday 1st May

No Tots. Local election day

10.30-12noon Knit & Natter. 19 Maple Rd

Details from Jenny. 01392 498725

Friday 2nd May

9.30am Morning Prayer

10am Staff Meeting

Saturday 3rd May

11-12noon Noticing Nature Walk. Meet at
the Church Hall entrance.



Collect

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, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Acts 5: 27-32

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

Revelation 1: 4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

John 20: 19-31

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.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So 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.' 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.' Then 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.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Intercessions

Give thanks to the Lord
Rejoice and praise His name

Post Communion

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ .

Amen

Notices

We are revising the **Year's Mind list** as it has become rather lengthy. We recognize that it is a sensitive matter and all those currently on this list from the year 2000 will be retained automatically. If you would like an older St Thomas name kept on this list please contact Ian or Fr David. Please note that if your relative or friend was a worshipper at Emmanuel or St Andrews, there are no dates with these names. So please speak to Ian or Fr David even if the date is 2000 onwards.

Electoral roll revision. Every 6 years we are required to complete a full revision of the Church electoral roll and this is due to take place at least 2 months before our APCM on 25th May. This is also a great time for any new members to be added. New and existing members will need to complete and return an application form to Carolyn Bryant, Ian Totterdell or a member of the clergy by 10th May at the latest. The new roll will be displayed on the noticeboard for 14 days prior to the APCM. Carolyn and Ian have copies of the application form available and if you need help or have any question please speak to Carolyn after the service or on 07780 707183.

Cleaning the Church Volunteers are needed. Areas can be cleaned whenever it suits as long as there are to least two people. Speak to Ian.

Spring edition of Noticing Nature Walk. Saturday 3rd May at 11-1200. Meet at the Church Hall entrance. This will be a seasonal, slow, mindful walk in our local green spaces. We will travel to Pines Gardens, if Wisteria is in bloom.