

Reflection for Easter 2

Mary Magdalen and the Gardener

At first Mary thought He was a gardener,
this miraculous Son.
She saw the dirt under His nails
through the tears in her eyes,
and saw not the grave, but the bringer of life.

And how was she wrong, then?

This woman wrapped in grief,
who saw the dirt of a borrowed tomb,
and thought at first of things which bloom;
Which turn their heads to the sun,
and burst into joyous colour.

Jay Hulme

Jesus, our dead and living friend,
We walk the ways of death and life
holding fear in one hand
and courage in the other.
Come find us when we are locked away.
Come enliven us.
Come bless us with your peace.
Because you are the first day of creation
And all days of creation. Amen

Padraig O Tuama

Rev Sarah



Codes for Zoom No further Zoom services planned at the moment.

Meeting ID: :

Passcode:

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NEXT SUNDAY 01.05.2022 Easter 3

SERVICES: 10.30am in 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

24th April 2022

Easter 2

10.30am in Church

Today

10.30am Sung Eucharist

Tuesday 26th April

7.30pm House Group by Zoom (see Ian)

Wednesday 27th April

10am Holy Communion (BCP)

2pm-4pm Young at Hearts

Thursday 28th April

9.30-11am St Thomas Tots, Breast
Feeding Support

10.30am Knit & Natter at 19 Maple Road



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.

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

For our services in Church, **mask wearing** is not now compulsory but we would still advise it while infection numbers remain high. If you are coming to coffee, we also recommend wearing a mask until you are seated in the Hall.

Knit and Natter April 2022 We shall be meeting every Thursday from 10.30 to midday at 19 Maple Road. Details from Jenny on 01392 498725.

Community Larder is receiving donations on Tuesdays from 10am-12noon.

St Andrew's, Exwick. Please note that Fr David and Rev Sarah are covering some of the Sunday morning services at Exwick after the retirement of Jerry Bird.

Electoral Roll The electoral roll is currently being updated ahead of our APCM. If you are not already registered and would like to be added to the 2022 electoral roll, please speak to Carolyn Bryant or a member of staff. Application forms will be available in Church for the next few weeks. Please return any completed forms to Carolyn Bryant (contact number 07780707183) asap. Thank you.

There is a vacancy on the PCC. Decisions affecting the life of our Church are made by the PCC. It is important that we have a full complement of PCC members. If you are interested in joining the PCC and would like more information, please contact Jenny Thomas on 01392 213207, Ian Totterdell or one of the clergy team. Nomination forms will be in Church until the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) on Sunday 8th May.

