

✠ SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER ✠

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.

FIRST READING

Acts 4:32-35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there was no needy person among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 John 5:1-6

A reading from the first letter of John:

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. This is the one who came by water and blood – Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

Alleluia, alleluia.
Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life.
Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.'
Alleluia

The Lord be with you.
and also with you.

A reading from the Gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, 'Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.' And with that he breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.'

Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord!' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.' Thomas said to him, 'My Lord and my God!' Then Jesus told him, 'Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.
In your loving care you spread before us the table of life
and give us the cup of salvation to drink.
Keep us always in the fold of our Saviour and our Shepherd,
your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Blessed be God for ever.

PRAYER AFTER 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.

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❖ ST GEORGE'S CHORLEY ❖

NOTICES FOR 7TH APRIL

WELCOME - to everyone as we gather together to hear from God in His word, to receive God in the Sacrament, and to encourage one another in our faith.

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GIFT AID - please consider moving to standing orders; if everyone was registered, we could potentially claim another £2k. Please also note that just filling the envelope in essentially gives the church 25 percent extra on each donation.

Our schedule for this week:

Sunday - 9.30am Eucharist
 Wednesday - 10am Eucharist
Saturday - 6pm The Vigil
 Sunday - 9.30am Eucharist

RISE UP - As part of the Rise Up campaign Mother's Union have made contact with our **local women's refuge** who have told us of an urgent need for wash items as more often than not people turn up with just the clothes they're wearing. In response we're making up plain gift bags for women and children with everything needed such as soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, comb, etc. If members of the congregations of St. George's and All Saints would like to join both Mother's Union branches in participating we would very much appreciate it. We will be handing the first ones over in April.

For those who are ill, especially:

**Carole Cox, Steve Cox, Heather Howarth,
 Marian Crossthwaite, & Ian Norman.**

For the families of those who have died recently inc:

Gordon Lowe, & Sylvia Clayton.

Also for the families of those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

**Lily Heartfield, Doris Bagshaw, Keith Bowling,
 Nellie Roden, James Bretherton, & Becki Logie.**

Please also pray for those who are housebound.

ABIDE - is a fantastic youth evening for **11-17 year olds** on the theme is 'As You Are'. There will be times of worship including a Eucharist celebrated by Bishop Philip, a choice of workshops and activity spaces to choose from as well as a healthy dollop of fun, games & giveaways amongst other things! It takes place **Sat. 27th April**. Email Fr Jordan: curate@stgeorgechorley.co.uk

Our hymns for this morning:

Procession - (54) At the name of Jesus
Gradual - (84) Breathe on me, breath of God
Offertory - (666) The Spirit lives to set us free
Communion - (433) Love's redeeming work is done
(786) Clap your hands and sing this song
Post Comm. - (137) Crown Him with many crowns

'COME & SEE' DEANERY MISSION - Takes place on 17-19th May all across Chorley Deanery. Please be praying for this missionary opportunity and for us to invite those we know who are yet to come to faith. Here is the Mission Prayer you might like to use:

*Father God,
 Who invites all people to come and see,
 be with us, we pray,
 as we seek to reach out in our parishes
 to invite others to meet Jesus
 who we have found to be life itself. Amen.*

LITTLE STEPS - is our baby & toddler group which runs on Weds 10.30-11.30am in the Church Hall. All welcome. **Restarts on 17th April.**



EASTERTIME

SUNDAY CLUB - is our Sunday meeting for children. All primary-aged children welcome. **Restarts 14th April.**

THANK YOU - to all those who made Holy Week and Easter Sunday possible, Wardens, Vergers, Readers, Choir, Clergy, Sidespeople, DAMS, and Flower Guild.

KIDS & TEENS - are welcome at our Vigil service on Saturday nights at 6pm in the church hall. We have games, crafts, and great refreshments and modern songs. All welcome to join us whatever age or stage you are.

If you like to put a notice on this sheet, then please email Fr Mike at vicar@stgeorgechorley.co.uk



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