

## Daily Bread

*Feria of 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter*

### Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> April

Acts 4: 23-31; John 3: 1-8

### Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> April

Acts 4: 32-37; John 3: 7-15

### Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> April

Acts 5: 17-26; John 3: 16-21

### Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> April

Acts 5: 27-33; John 3: 31-36

### Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> April

Acts 5: 34-42; John 6: 1-15

### Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> April

Acts 6: 1-7; John 6: 16-21

### Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> April

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Easter*

Acts 3: 12-19; Psalm 4;  
1 John 3: 1-7; Luke 24: 36b-48  
Eucharist (St Serf's Church), 9am  
Eucharist (St Serf's Church), 10am

## Announcements

**Next Sunday, 14 April:** There will be no service at St John's Church on Sunday, 14 April. There will be a 1970 Eucharist at St Serf's Church at 9am and a 1982 Eucharist at St Serf's Church at 10am. All are welcome.

**Morning Prayer** will be said in person at 9am in St Serf's on Mondays, livestreamed on Facebook on Tuesdays, and shared on Zoom on Wednesdays. For anyone who would like to join on Zoom please ask Rev Tess for the link.

**Social Committee:** The Social Committee will meet on **Wednesday, 10 April at 7.30pm** at the house of Isobel Buntin to plan events for the year. If anyone would like to help the committee in this work you are most welcome to attend that meeting or give us your suggestions. If you would like to attend the meeting and need Isobel's address please ask Revd Tess.

**Days Off:** Revd Tess takes **Thursday and Friday** as days off.

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## GLASGOW EAST END EPISCOPAL CHURCHES

**(Incorporating St John's,  
Baillieston; St Kentigern's,  
Dennistoun and St Serf's,  
Shettleston)**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

### 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024

*Welcome to our church for this Sunday's service; do stay for tea or coffee afterwards, we look forward to meeting you. If the morning service is the celebration of the Eucharist, all are welcome to make their communion here. Or if you prefer to receive a blessing, please come forward to the rail with arms by your sides.*

### Collect

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### Lectionary

**Acts 4: 32-35**

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but

everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

### Psalm 133

**R How good and pleasant it is to live together in unity.**

1 O how good and pleasant it is, when a family lives together in unity!  
2 It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the beard,  
3 Upon the beard of Aaron, and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

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4 It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion.

5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: life for evermore.

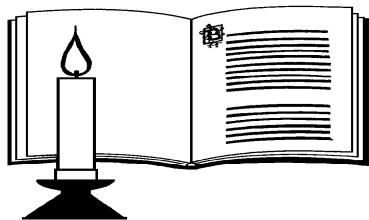
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### 1 John 1: 1 - 2: 2

*A reading from the first letter of John.*

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life – this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us – we

declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.



### John 20: 19-31

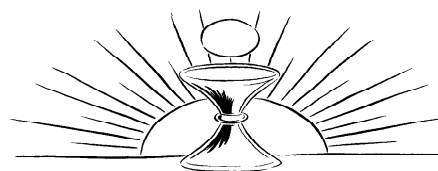
*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.*

It was evening on 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

Father, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life. Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other; through Jesus Christ the risen Lord.



### Intercessions

**Please pray for:**

**Those who are sick or in hospital:**  
Dorothea, David, Elizabeth, Valerie, Ina, Joseph, Liz, Isabel, Harry John, Danut, Mihaela, Alan, Mick, Janet, Bishop Kevin, Linda, Christina, Robert, John, Ferne, Sarah and Rose.

**Faithful departed anniversaries:**  
Mary Templeton, Una Johnston, Hugh Bain and James Forrester.

### Reflection

*It was evening on 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.'*

Joy and confidence are the marks of the Easter people of Christ. Fear and anxiety are not far away. From the time of the Apostles, there has been need for vigilance in faith.

*Risen Lord, break through the closed door of my heart, drive away my fear, give me the blessing of your peace. In the joy of this Easter season, keep me in the assurance of your presence and shield me from the false confidence that fails when temptation comes.*

Taken from *Following the Gospel through the Year* by Raymond Chapman. Canterbury Press.

