

St Clement's Church, King Square
Second Sunday of Easter
7th April 2024



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.
Now 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 (Psalm 133)

Response: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Behold how good and how pleasant it is,
to dwell together in unity! **R**

It is like precious oil upon the head
running down upon the beard,
running down upon Aaron's beard,
upon the collar of his robes. **R**

It is like the dew of Hermon which falls
on the heights of Zion.
For there the Lord gives his blessing,
even life for ever. **R**

Second Reading (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.

Gospel (John 20:19-35)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.
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 Prayer

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.**

For your prayers

In our Prayers:

Hugh, Josh, Diane Rankin, Lloyd Whitney, Diane, Trevor, Vera, Chris Hall, Tommy Lacken, Sue, Kathy, Maria Amparo Garcia, Maria, Lenny Shaw, Roger Shaw, Adele Skinner, Pat, Martin Fletcher, Vanessa, Gregg and Julia Hill, Lewis & Callum, Eamon Irvine, Mia Angel Grant, HM King Charles, Major Sally Spry, Steve, Stephen James Winfield

Among the departed:

Christine Shaw, Lee Hull, Gary Stevenson, Mary Lacken, Rose Sabbatino, Peter Miller, Xed Lehead

Anniversaries of Death:

Guy Vesey Hawtrey, Sophie Cowley, Mary Maude Boys, Fr Frederick Penny Vasey, Theresa Menlah Miah, Cyril Reinould, Robert Alex Mullen, Edith Duthie

In the Parish:

We pray for all those working on construction projects in and around the parish, especially those working on St Clement's.

In the wider world:

We pray for all the people of Gaza and Israel who are caught up in the terrible conflict there.

Notices

In Church this week...

Wednesday 10th **10am-1pm Open Church**
 12.30pm Mass

Next Sunday ***Third Sunday of Easter***
 10.30am Sung Mass

St Clement's Shopping Basket

The basket provides the chance week by week to donate to a collection of dried and tinned food and toiletries which can be passed directly to the **Dunloe Centre at St Saviour's Priory** which works with the homeless and the very poor in our part of London. Please give what you can.

THE DUNLOE CENTRE always needs the following:

TINNED FOODS (ring pull for preference)

Corned beef and meats of all kinds.

Fish

Soups (all flavours), baked beans, spaghetti in tomato sauce.

Fruit, rice pudding and custard.

Vegetables (chick peas and pulses are the least useful)

DRIED GOODS

Cup-a-soups, potnoodles and instant noodles.

TOILETRIES (mostly for men)

Shower gel, shampoo, soap, deodorant, face flannels

Disposable razors, shaving cream, pocket-size packs of tissues

St. Clement's Church is very grateful for all donations to our work. To donate now please scan the QR code below. You can use debit or credit card, Apple Pay or Google Pay. Many thanks!

