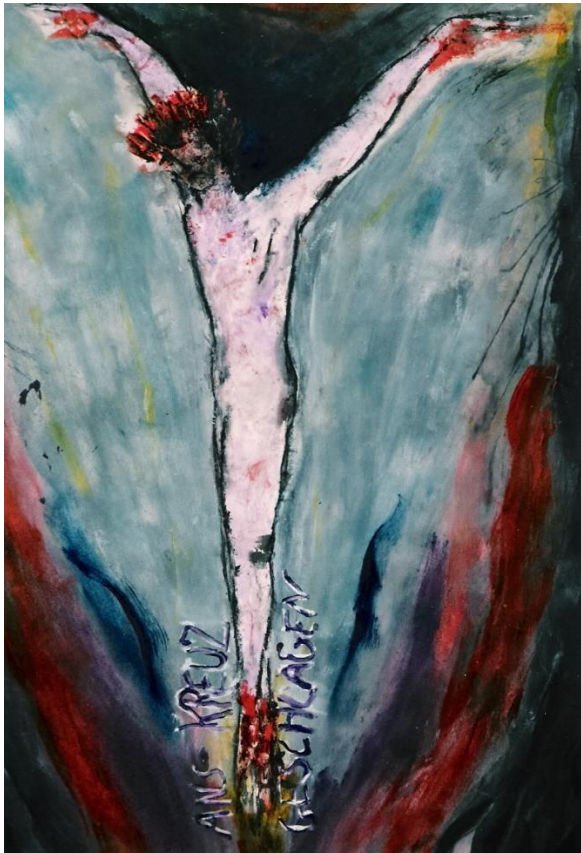


# St Clement's Church, King Square

## Easter Day

31<sup>st</sup> March 2024



### Collect for Easter Morning

Lord of all life and power,  
Who through the mighty resurrection of your Son  
Overcame the old order of sin and death  
To make all things new in him:  
Grant that we, being dead to sin  
And alive to you in Christ Jesus,  
May reign with him in glory;  
To whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
Be praise and honour, glory and might,  
Now and in all eternity. **Amen.**

### First Reading (Jeremiah 31.1-6)

A reading from the Prophecy of Jeremiah.  
At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the  
families of Israel, and they shall be my people.  
Thus says the LORD:  
The people who survived the sword  
found grace in the wilderness;  
when Israel sought for rest,  
The LORD appeared to him from far away.  
I have loved you with an everlasting love;  
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.  
Again I will build you, and you shall be built,  
O virgin Israel!

Again you shall take your tambourines,  
and go forth in the dance of the merry-makers.  
Again you shall plant vineyards  
on the mountains of Samaria;  
the planters shall plant,  
and shall enjoy the fruit.  
For there shall be a day when sentinels will call  
in the hill country of E'phraim:  
"Come, let us go up to Zion,  
to the LORD our God."

### Psalm (Psalm 118)



### Response: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.  
Let the sons of Israel say:  
"His love has no end." **R**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand has raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds. **R**

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes. **R**

### Second Reading (Acts 10.34-43)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.  
Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house  
of Cornelius: 'I truly understand that God shows no  
partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and  
does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the  
message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching  
peace by Jesus Christ he is Lord of all. That message  
spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the  
baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus  
of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how  
he went about doing good and healing all who were  
oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are  
witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in  
Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a  
tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed  
him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were  
chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank  
with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded  
us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the  
one ordained by God as judge of the living and the  
dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone  
who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through  
his name.'

### **Gospel (John 20:1-18)**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John. Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

### **Post Communion Prayer**

God of Life,  
who for our redemption gave your  
only-begotten Son to the death of the cross,  
and by his glorious resurrection  
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:  
grant us so to die daily to sin,  
that we may evermore live with him  
in the joy of his risen life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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, Gary Stevenson, Mary Lacken, Lee Hull, Rose Sabbatino

**Anniversaries of Death:** Frances Elizabeth Court, Henry Dunsby, John Speed, Sarah Bean, Douglas Powell, Mary Nunn, Henry Knott, Johnny Burns

**In the Parish:** We pray for those working through the holiday weekend.

**In the wider world:** We pray for peace in the holy Land, for Palestinian and Israeli, for Jew, Christian and Muslim, and especially for the people of Gaza.

### **Notices**

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