



St George's Anglican Church | Malvern

**Third Sunday of Easter**

**19 April 2015**

**Sentence** Turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.

*Acts 3.19-20*

**Collect**

Lord of life,  
by submitting to death, you conquered the grave;  
by being lifted upon the cross, you draw all peoples to you;  
by being raised from the dead,  
you restore to humanity all that was lost through sin:  
be with us in your risen power,  
that in word and deed we may proclaim  
the marvellous mystery of death and resurrection.  
For all praise is yours, now and throughout eternity. **Amen.**

**A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

*During the Easter season the first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles (the second part of Luke's gospel) to demonstrate the risen Christ among the earliest Christian communities. This passage is from a sermon preached in Jerusalem by Peter in which he says "...you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers." Luke's Jesus is also the one who says from the cross, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." Sin is a form of ignorance and the cross reveals to us just how deadly it is and why we need to be brought to a new consciousness by God; we call that conversion and it is a lifelong process.*

Peter addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made [this lame man] walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant

Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you

killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. 'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah appointed for you, that is, Jesus. *Acts 3.12-20*

Reader For the word of the Lord  
**All Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 4 at 8am APBA page 225 at 10am TiS 2**

*This is a prayer for deliverance from enemies in which the psalmist expresses confidence in God's defence of those who remain faithful.*

**A Reading from the first letter of John**

*The fact is that despite the sacrifice of Jesus there is still sin in the world. John's point is that there is never ending forgiveness available to all who seek it. We are already what we shall become in Christ, though the fullness of who we are is still hidden from our eyes in this life.*

Do not love the world or the things in the world. The love of the Father is not in those who love the world; for all that is in the world—the desire of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, the pride in riches—comes not from the Father but from the world. And the world and its desire are passing away, but those who do the will of God live forever. See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he

was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him.

*1 John 2.15-17; 3.1-6*

Reader May your word live in us.

**ALL And bear much fruit to your glory.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**ALL Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Cantor You search the scriptures to find eternal life, says the Lord; it is they that testify on my behalf.

**ALL Alleluia!**

Reader The Lord be with you

**ALL And also with you**

Reader A reading from the holy Gospel according to St Luke

**ALL Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Eating demonstrates that Jesus' risen body is not simply a spiritual one; yet he can simply appear to his disciples without the constraints of the physical world. This risen life is both familiar and strange – it is both transformed life and this familiar life Jesus shares with his friends so that we can witness to its truth and power. The marks of Jesus' death were something like trophies: it was his whole human life, including his death, which was made alive and presented before the disciples as a sign that he had in fact conquered death.*

While the eleven and their companions were talking about what they had heard, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while

I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

You are witnesses of these things.  
24.36b-48

*Luke*

Reader For the Gospel of the Lord  
**ALL Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**Bible Readings next week 26 April 2015**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter Yr B**

Acts 4.5-12 Psalm 23 1 John 3.16-24 John 10.11-18

### **Prayer for the Week**

Gracious Father,  
who in your great mercy made glad the disciples  
with the sight of the risen Lord:  
give us such awareness of his presence with us  
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life,  
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Pray for the Faithful Departed**

We remember before God: Geoffrey Aitken Hall; Keith Warne Lester;  
Ronald Wagstaff; Gretta Hall; Dorothy Tidy; Rudolph Bailey; Kathryn  
Simos; Arthur Clark *Priest*; Florence Hale and Leslie Clifton Blackman  
*whose anniversaries occur this week.*

### **Commemorations of the week**

**April 21 Anselm, abp of Canterbury, teacher.** (1033-1109) theologian  
and philosopher and Archbishop of Canterbury (1093-1109), the most serious  
intellect between Augustine of Hippo (4-5C) and Thomas Aquinas (13C)

**April 22 St George, martyr** (c. 275/281–23 April 303) was, according to tradition, a Roman soldier from Palestine who is venerated as a Christian martyr. Saint George is one of the most venerated saints in the Catholic (Western and Eastern Rites), Anglican, Eastern Orthodox, and the Oriental Orthodox churches. He is immortalized in the tale of Saint George and the Dragon.

**April 25 Mark, evangelist and martyr** Mark, evangelist, considered the author of Mark's Gospel (in collaboration with Peter) and as the John Mark whose mother's house was used by the apostles, and as the person mentioned in Mark.14.51. Later a disciple of Peter, Paul and Barnabas, Mark was with Paul in his Roman imprisonment.