

**The Church of St Francis**  
**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2022**



Today we hear the story of the Risen Jesus appearing to the disciples as they hide behind a locked and bolted door.

How frightened they must have been as he stood before them in his risen glory. What would he do? What would he say to them, they who had denied and abandoned him?

What did he say?

He said - 'peace be with you'

Such love...

**A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE**

God of Peace and Justice,  
we pray for the people of Ukraine.

We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,  
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom,  
discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,  
that you would hold and protect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus,  
the Prince of Peace. Amen

## **FOR OUR PRAYERS**

**We pray for those who have asked for prayer: Jason; Sharon; Joyce; Maureen; Alex & Amanda.**

**Praying too for all those who are managing long term issues including: Alan & Maureen; Shirley and Richard; Kathryn, Willow, & Edward; Megan & Jeanette; Riley and his family; Sheila W; Charlotte, Maegan & Carson; Tom; Rosemary; Cynthia & David; John and Jane; Rosie, and Pete; Shirley.**

**We continue to pray for Woodside House Care Home; Omnia; and Hebron House.**

**We remember those who have died in recent days, among them: Frank; Raymond; praying for those who loved them and for all who mourn the loss of a loved one or a friend.**

**The Church of St Francis  
Heartsease**

**Heavenly Father**

**We ask your blessing upon us.  
Hold the Heartsease Community,  
and all the world,  
in your arms of love.**

**Be with us.**

**Give us your strength,  
peace, and healing grace.**

**Watch over us,  
protect us from harm;**

**and keep in safety  
all those who care for the sick  
and attend to our needs,  
in Jesus name we pray.**

**Amen**

## **COLLECTS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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  
Risen Christ,  
for whom no door is locked,  
no entrance barred:  
open the doors of our hearts,  
that we may seek the good of others  
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice  
and peace,  
to the praise of God the Father. Amen



## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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

## **READINGS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**THE WORD  
OF GOD**

You may notice that we do not always use all the readings in our Sunday service – we include them in the bulletin for you to reflect upon them throughout the forthcoming week.

## EXODUS 14:10-END; 15:20-21

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, 'Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, "Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians"?'

For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.' But Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.'

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said,

'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained.

But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them:

'Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;  
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.'

## PSALM 150

1 Alleluia. O praise God in his holiness; ♦  
praise him in the firmament of his power.

2 **Praise him for his mighty acts; ♦  
praise him according to his excellent  
greatness.**

3 Praise him with the blast of the trumpet; ♦  
praise him upon the harp and lyre.

4 **Praise him with timbrel and dances; ♦  
praise him upon the strings and pipe.**

5 Praise him with ringing cymbals; ♦  
praise him upon the clashing cymbals.

6 **Let everything that has breath ♦  
praise the Lord. Alleluia.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now,  
and shall be for ever. Amen**

## **ACTS 5:27-32**

When the captain and the temple police had brought Peter and the Apostles, they had them stand before the council.

The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.'

But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree.

God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.

And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

## **JOHN 20:19 – END**

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.

## **SERVICES NEXT WEEK ALL WELCOME**

**Mon: Morning Prayer – 9am**

**Tues: Morning Prayer – 9am**

**Weds: Morning Prayer – 9am  
Holy Communion [BCP] – 11.30am**

**Sun: Holy Communion for  
The Third Sunday of Easter  
10.30am**

## **HOME COMMUNION**



If you or someone you know lives in the parish of St Francis and would like to receive the Sacrament at home because of illness or mobility difficulties, please contact Revd Janet. Tel: 07368 832294

## WHAT'S ON AT ST FRANCIS NEXT WEEK...

**LET IT GROW**  
EVERY WEDNESDAY  
@ 9am – 11.30am



Weeding, Sowing, Planting,  
&  
10.15 am Tea And Cake Break  
LOTS OF FRESH VEG TO BE PICKED  
COME AND GET IT!

**THURSDAY MORNING  
IS COFFEE MORNING**  
In the Church Lounge  
10am – 12pm  
EVERY WEEK



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some old friends – and maybe  
even make some new ones!**

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The Church of St Francis  
Heartsease



**WILD  
CHURCH**  
IN THE CHURCH FIELD

A New way to worship!  
Outdoor based - Suitable all ages -  
Family Groups very welcome

**SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY**  
2.30PM - 4.00PM  
dress with the weather in mind!

Monthly, every second Sunday in the month  
Next Wild Church - 22<sup>nd</sup> June



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Heartsease

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