

St Mary of Charity

Parish Church Faversham

Third Sunday in Easter

5 May 2019

Welcome to the beautiful church of St Mary of Charity. Please do stay for a drink and fellowship. If you are here for the first time, please make yourself known to one of the clergy.

For our prayers:

- the St Mary of Charity clergy team and lay ministry and all whose ministry is in Faversham and the Ospringe Deanery;
- our Bishop as he prepares to for retirement;
- those affected by 'natural disasters' and extreme weather in the world;
- the bereaved;
- those elected to represent us in local councils or parliament;
- those who work in disaster relief;
- those affected by the Grenfell Tower fire;
- those who are homeless or vulnerably housed;
- those who are experiencing financial hardship;
- those who work for the emergency services;
- those who are receiving medical treatment;
- those who volunteer their time for the good of others;
- the people of Syria, Iraq, Iran and Afghanistan; and
- all who live in fear of violence and aggression.

9 am said Eucharist (CW) with hymns
10.30 am All Age Worship
6 pm Choral Evensong

Readings:

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Acts 9:1-6(7-20)

John 21:1-19

COLLECT:

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy
gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge
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
your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Next Sunday:

Fourth Sunday in Easter

**Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18, 8:6-18,
9:8-13**

Acts 9:36-43

John 10:22-30



9 am Eucharist (CW) with hymns

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6 pm Choral Evensong

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Christ is the King! O friends rejoice;
brothers and sisters with one voice
tell all the world he is your choice.

Alleluia.

O magnify the Lord, and raise
anthems of joy and holy praise
for Christ's brave saints of ancient days.

Alleluia.

They with a faith for ever new
followed the King, and round him drew
thousands of faithful hearts and true.

Alleluia.

O Christian women, Christian men,
all the world over, seek again
the Way disciples followed then.

Alleluia.

Christ through all ages is the same:
place the same hope in his great name,
with the same faith his word proclaim.

Alleluia.

Let love's unconquerable might
your scattered companies unite
in service to the Lord of light.

Alleluia.

So shall God's will on earth be done,
new lamps be lit, new tasks begun,
and the whole church at last be one.

Alleluia.

Paschal Feast! Upon the cross

Jesus gave himself to save us.

Sin's sad leaven throw away:
break the bread of life he gave us.

Alleluia!

Risen again, our living Lord
death's dominion now has shattered.

Now we share his risen life,
hell's dread powers for ever scattered.

Alleluia!

Christ is risen from the grave,
all who sleep in death awaking.

First fruit of the harvest field:
now our Easter dawn is breaking.

Alleluia!

As through man death comes to all,
so has man unlocked death's prison.

As in Adam all are dead,
so in Christ shall all be risen.

Alleluia!

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,
your sweetest notes employ,
the Paschal victory to hymn
in strains of holy joy.

How Judah's Lion burst his chains,
and crushed the serpent's head;
and brought with him, from death's domains,
the long-imprisoned dead.

Triumphant in his glory now
his sceptre ruleth all,
earth, heaven, and hell before him bow,
and at his footstool fall.

While joyful thus his praise we sing,
his mercy we implore,
into his palace bright to bring
and keep us evermore.

All glory to the Father be,
all glory to the Son,
all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,
while endless ages run.

Alleluia! Amen.



Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!
The LORD has taken away the judgements against you,
he has turned away your enemies.
The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.
The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;
he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing
as on a day of festival.
I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.
I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.
And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.
At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the LORD.

Here ends the Lesson.

Epistle

Acts 9:1-6(7-20)

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'

The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision,

‘Ananias.’ He answered, ‘Here I am, Lord.’ The Lord said to him, ‘Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.’ But Ananias answered, ‘Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.’ But the Lord said to him, ‘Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.’ So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, ‘Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.’ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he

began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

John 21:1-19

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because

there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to

him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God. After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.





St Mary of Charity will be running a cake stall *plus* a plant stall on Saturday, 11 May 2019 to mark the start of Christian Aid week.

If you are able to bake any cakes, biscuits or savouries, please do speak to Val Tyler, if you have plants to sell, please speak to Sally Fancourt - anyone who is able to come along and help run either stall will be very welcome. Anyone wishing to come along and spend their pocket money on cakes, biscuits or savouries or plants is also very welcome!

From the beginning of May, the Wednesday morning Eucharist at St Mary of Charity will take place on the first, third and (if appropriate) fifth Wednesdays in the month at 10.30 am.

On the second and fourth Tuesdays in the month, there will be a Eucharist at St Catherine's at 10 am if anyone would like to attend.

**REV SIMON ROWLANDS IS ON A
SABBATICAL UNTIL 31 JULY 2019.
DURING MAY IF YOU WISH TO SPEAK TO A
MEMBER OF THE CLERGY ON A PASTORAL
MATTER, PLEASE CALL 01227 634762
AND ASK FOR REV DOUGLAS TURTON.**

Please do try to remain aware at all times of where your valuables are while you are in the building and do not leave bags, or any items you wouldn't want to lose, unattended during services or hospitality.

Unfortunately, this includes Eucharist; although we have Churchwardens and Sidespeople, they cannot be everywhere.

**Notices for Monthly Notice Sheet to Catriona by
Wednesday, 29 May, very latest!**

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