

St Peter's Scottish Episcopal Church, Kirkcaldy



Sunday 31st March 2024, Easter Sunday

*Liturgy of the
Paschal Candle*

Christ is Risen
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Collect:

Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end,
Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him, and all ages.
To him be glory and power through every age and for ever.
Amen.

Lighting of Candle:

May the light of Christ, rising in glory banish all darkness from
our hearts and minds.

Procession:

The Light of Christ
Thanks be to God
(Repeated 3 times)

Exultet:

Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels,
and let your trumpets shout Salvation
for the victory of our mighty King.

Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth,
bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness
as been vanquished by our eternal King.

Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church,
and let your holy courts, in radiant light,
resound with the praises of your people.

*Renewal of
Baptismal Vows:*

God calls the Church to reflect Christ's glory,
in baptism to declare his new life,

in fellowship and mission to share it.
We renew the promises made at our baptism,
affirming our allegiance to Christ,
and our rejection of all that is evil.
Therefore I ask these questions:

Do you renounce evil?

All: I renounce evil

Do you repent of your sins?

All: I repent of my sins

Do you turn to Christ?

All: I turn to Christ

And now I ask you to make the profession of Christian faith
into which you were baptised, and in which you live and grow.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**All: I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven
and earth.**

Do you believe in God the Son?

**All: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who
was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of
the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third
day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at
the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge
the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**All: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**All: this is our faith. We believe in one God, Father, Son and
Holy Spirit.**

(The service liturgy continues using the yellow booklet)

Introit Hymn:

110 Jesus Christ is risen today

Collect:

Lord of life and power, through the mighty
resurrection of your Son you have overcome the old

order of sin and death and have made all things new in him. May we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, reign with him in glory, who with you and the Holy Spirit is alive, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Collect SPB:

Almighty God, who through thine only begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: we beseech thee that as by thy special grace preventing us, thou dost put into our mind's good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

First reading:

Acts 10.34-43 (SPB Hebrews 13.20)

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 15.1-11

Gradual hymn:

113 Love's redeeming work is done

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.

Gospel:

John 20.1-18 (SPB St Mark 16).

Sermon:

The Revd Canon Christine Fraser

Intercessions

Peace

Offertory hymn:

117 The day of resurrection

Communion hymn:

115 Now the green blade riseth

Prayer after Communion:

God of life, bring us to the glory of the resurrection promised in this Easter sacrament. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.

Blessing:

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son,

and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: 120 Thine be the glory

Notices:

All baptised Christians are warmly invited to share in Holy Communion. Gluten free wafers are available; please advise a sidesperson if you require this. An Induction Loop is installed in church. Hearing aid users should adjust their aid to the T position. Large-print copies of the liturgy are available on request

Worship:

Wed 3rd April 10.00am Eucharist
Sunday 7th April 9.15am Eucharist (SPB)
10.30am Sung Eucharist – Easter 2

Zumba: The group will take a break for Easter and resume on Friday 19th April at 10.30am. All welcome.

Craft Group: The craft group will resume on Monday 22nd April at 2pm in the hall. All welcome.

Bishops Lent Appeal: This year's appeal is for Ashakiran – Ray of Hope, Ensuring Lasting Change for Women, Young Girls and Children in the Diocese of Kolkata. The women are taught needlework and tailoring skills and given a certificate of competence. Some go on to making ecclesiastical vestments, church linens and clerical garments. There will be a retiring collection for this work at today's service.

Vestry: The next Vestry meeting will take place on Tuesday 9th April 2024 at 7.30pm in the lower meeting room.

Post- Easter Break: The Rector will be away from 31st March pm till 6th April. For pastoral emergencies, please phone the Rectory number where your call will be diverted to someone who can help.

Hospital Visits. The local hospitals no longer allow access to their in-patient lists. If you, a relative or friend are admitted to hospital, please contact the Rector on 01592 204208 or cnfraser@btinternet.com and visits will be arranged.

Please pray for:

All those in our own congregation, their families or friends who are ill, housebound or whose year's mind falls this week. Archbishop Stephen and the Karen people in Burma, Thailand and Sheffield

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