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Readings for Sunday 11th April 2nd Sunday of Easter Year B Colour White

Collect

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.**

First Reading Acts 4.32–35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
The whole group of those who believed were of
one heart and soul, and no one claimed private
ownership of any possessions, but everything
they owned was held in common. With great
power the apostles gave their testimony to the
resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace
was upon them all. There was not a needy
person among them, for as many as owned
lands or houses sold them and brought the
proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the
apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as
any had need.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 133

**R How good and pleasant it is
to live together in unity.**

O how good and pleasant it is,
when a family lives together in unity!
It is like fine oil upon the head
that runs down upon the beard,
Upon the beard of Aaron,
and runs down upon the collar of his robe. **R**
It is like the dew of Hermon
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
For there the Lord has ordained the blessing:
life for evermore. **R**

SECOND READING 1 John 1.1 – 2.2

A reading from the first letter of John.
We declare to you what was from the beginning,
what we have heard, what we have seen with
our eyes, what we have looked at and touched
with our hands, concerning the word of life – this
life was revealed, and we have seen it and
testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life
that was with the Father and was revealed to us
– we declare to you what we have seen and
heard so that you also may have fellowship with
us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father
and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing
these things so that our joy may be complete.
This is the message we have heard from him
and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him
there is no darkness at all. If we say that we
have fellowship with him while we are walking in
darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but
if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light,
we have fellowship with one another, and the
blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.
If we say that we have no sin, we deceive
ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we
confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will
forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all
unrighteousness. If we say that we have not
sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not
in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you
so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin,
we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus
Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning
sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but
also for the sins of the whole world.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel John 20.19–31

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

It was evening on 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.

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

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of ourselves
to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all adversities
which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts
which may assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayer for the Week

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**

Jim Hogg is retiring!

Jim recently celebrated his 75th birthday. He originally planned to retire from active Licensed Lay Ministry at Easter, but since we have only just started public worship, he is retiring this month. Jim will be taking BCP Matins at Hamerton this Sunday and at Winwick on the following Sunday.

Jim will continue to worship in churches in the Benefice and to help support the Ministry Team. He will even take the occasional service – but won't be on the monthly rota any more. When we can be together again, and can celebrate in a slightly freer way, there will be a North Leightonstone Benefice service in Great Gidding to say 'thank you' to Jim for his ministry in these parishes.

This week

Sunday April 11th 2nd Sunday of Easter

9.30 am BCP Matins at Hamerton, and a chance for Hamerton people to say 'thank you' to Jim
9.30 am Morning Praise on Zoom and livestream

11.30 am Morning Prayer at Buckworth.

Covid guidance is still in place:

face coverings must be worn

hand sanitize on entering the church

social distancing is observed

we only have the bread at Communion

Although it is good to meet up, we are still not allowed to chat inside the building. Please save your conversations until you are in the churchyard, where you can chat in socially distant groups of up to 6 people!

Thank you.

Friday April 16th

12 noon Filmed midday prayers for Little Gidding followed by Zoom shared lunch (please contact Fiona for the link)

Sunday April 18^h 3rd Sunday of Easter

9.30 am BCP Matins at Winwick, and a chance for Winwick people to say 'thank you' to Jim
9.30 am Morning Praise on Zoom, film of service to be posted afterwards.

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