ST MARY'S CHURCH, THORPE

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Sunday 5th May 2020

Easter 4

Welcome to St Mary's Church, Thorpe – LIVE from the Vicarage Study. We hope you will enjoy the service.

10am Sung Eucharist

TODAY WE USE THE ONLINE SERVICE SHEET

Procession	**The King of love my shepherd is**
Offertory	**O Lord, my God, when I in awesome**
Communion	**Faithful shepherd, feed me**
Recessional	**Great is thy faithfulness**

Celebrant & Preacher: Father Damian. Readers: Jane Lowe, Andrew Falconer & Mtr Jo. Intercessions: Susi Thornton.

Sermon Notes *for today will be available on the website shortly.*
Children's Colouring Sheets *are in the downloadable Family Pack.*

11:30am Family Service Led by Fr Gerard.

7pm Compline Led by Mtr Jo.

ST MARY'S INTERCESSIONS – *Please remember in your prayers:*

The Sick *(immediate need)*: Brian O'Kane, Alice Armstrong, Sarah & Ari, David Oldfield, Peter Silvester, Stuart Hatch, Pat Joseph, Dylan Baxendale, Carol Mason, Sarah Bradshaw, Richard, John Knott, David Woodward & Kirsty Fuller. **Continuing prayers**: Sean Hudson, Mark Wardell, Miles Herne, Alice McGonnell, Zoe Reeves, Meryl, Matthew, Caroline Wareham, Patti, Pat Harnden & all struggling with Coronavirus. **Giving thanks for recovery:** Anthony Ridge-Newman, Cate Irvine, John Knight, Marion Blanche & Robin Alderson.
General Prayer Requests: All affected by terrorism & natural disasters. St Mary's finances & challenge of meeting increasing parish share. Our PCC & After School Club. Trade negotiations following Brexit. **The Elderly & Infirm**: June, Elaine, Margot, Joan, Jean, Evelyn, Rita, Margaret & Ruth. **The Recently Departed:** Frances Phoebe Dunning, Janet Eve Constance Stuffins, Donna Marshall, David Barker, Pamela Miller, Peter Bowman, Kim Bliss, Anne-Marie Butler, Jennifer Hazel Pitman, Richard Summers, Richard Lega, Rob Castledine, Sue Britton, José Pardo & John Kinal. **Anniversaries of Death:** Richard Lockwood, May Rigazzi, Arthur Dean, Dorothy Lingard, Jane Mary O'Brien & Lady Barbara Bosworth.

HYMN 1 *Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877)*

The King of love my Shepherd is,/ whose goodness faileth never;/
I nothing lack if I am his,/ and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow/ my ransomed soul he leadeth,/
and, where the verdant pastures grow,/ with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,/ but yet in love he sought me,/
and on his shoulder gently laid,/ and home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill/ with thee, dear Lord, beside me;/
thy rod and staff my comfort still,/ thy Cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;/ thy unction grace bestoweth;/
and oh, what transport of delight/ from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days/ thy goodness faileth never;/
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise/ within thy house forever.

HYMN 2 *Karl Boberg (1859-1940); transl. Stuart K Hine (1899-1940)*

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder/ consider all the works thy hand has made/ I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,/ thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

REFRAIN Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:/ how great thou art,/ how great thou art./ Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee;/ how great thou art, how great thou art.

DURING THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Monday	10am Morning Worship with Fr Gerard; *2pm Clergy Staff Meeting via Messenger*
Tuesday	10am Morning Worship with Mtr Jo; *10am Cremation of Robert Castledine R.I.P.;* *7pm Emmaus Course evening session 1 - What do we know about God? Facebook Live* 7pm Compline by candlelight with Fr Damian.
Wednesday	**10am Said Eucharist** with Fr Damian; *11am Emmaus Course daytime session 1 - What do we know about God? Facebook Live*
Thursday	10am Morning Worship with Fr Gerard
Friday	10am Morning Worship with Mtr Jo; *Fr D off duty today*
Saturday	**10am Said Eucharist** with Fr Damian

ALL live-streamed via Facebook & generally available later to watch on St Mary's Church website.

Next Sunday – 10th May 2020

Fifth Sunday of Easter

10am Sung Eucharist *Live-streamed*
https://www.facebook.com/StMarysChurchThorpe/

7pm Compline with Fr Damian

When through the woods and forest glades I wander/ and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;/ when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur, and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze: *REFRAIN*

And when I think of God, his Son not sparing,/ sent him to die, I scarce can take it in/ that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,/ he bled and died to take away my sin. *REFRAIN*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation/ and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart;/ then I shall bow with humble adoration/ and then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art. *REFRAIN*

HYMN 3 *Thomas Benson Pollock (1836-1896)*

Faithful Shepherd, feed me/ in the pastures green;/ faithful Shepherd, lead me/ where thy steps are seen.

Hold me fast, and guide me/ in the narrow way;/ so, with thee beside me,/ I shall never stray.

Daily bring me nearer/ to the heav'nly shore;/ may my faith grow clearer,/ may I love thee more:

Hallow ev'ry pleasure,/ ev'ry joy and pain;/ be thyself my treasure,/ though none else I gain.

Day by day prepare me/ as thou seest best,/ then let angels bear me/ to thy promised rest.

HYMN 4 *Thomas Obadiah Chilsholm (1866-1960)*

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;/ there is no shadow of turning with thee;/ thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;/ as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

REFRAIN Great is thy faithfulness!/ Great is thy faithfulness!/ Morning by morning new mercies I see:/ all I have needed thy hand hath provided,/ Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,/ sun, moon, and stars in their courses above/ join with all nature in manifold witness/ to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *REFRAIN*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,/ thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,/ strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,/ blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *REFRAIN*

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EASTER 4 **YEAR A**

COLLECT
Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING **Acts 2.42–47**
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
Many were baptized and were added to the community. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone,
because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM **Psalm 23**
R **The Lord is my shepherd;**
I shall not be in want.
The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters. ***R***

He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ***R***

You spread a table before me
in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over. Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. ***R***

SECOND READING **1 Peter 2.19–25**
A reading from the first letter of Peter.
Brothers and sisters: It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.
'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.' When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly.
He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL **John 10.1–10**
Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**
Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.'
This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER
Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A big thank you to Andrew Falconer and Ritchie Nicholson for facilitating and entertaining us with the Quiz on Thursday, run via Facebook and Eventbrite. Just brilliant!

Church Financial Update: Clearly this period of lock-down is having an impact upon the finances of St Mary's with a reduction in our income of about £2k per month. After prayerful reflection, if you can help with this in any way please do get in touch. Thank you for your continued support. **stmaryschurchthorpe@outlook.com**