

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2026 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**Rev. Ian Taylor, A.C.I.B.S., B.D., Th.M., Dip. P.S.R.P.**  
**Guest Preacher: Mr. Euan Gibb, B.A., P.G.D.E.**  
**Musical Director: Mr. Alan A. Craig, M.B.E., B.Mus., P.G.C.E.**

### **Welcome & Intimations**

- The Sunday School will meet in Room 2 today.
- Please ensure all mobile phones are switched off or in silent mode during the Service.
- Please place your offering in the Offering Plates as these are uplifted during the Service.
- Tea and Coffee will be available after Church today in the Cameron Hall.
- There will NOT be a Vestry Hour or a midweek Service on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2026.
- The Anchor Boys are having their Coffee Morning on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2026 in the Cameron Hall from 10 am till noon. Prices are Adults £4 and children £1 and will be on sale in the Hall of Fellowship on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2026. Any donations of home baking will be gratefully received.

Introit

Call to Worship

### **Hymn 132 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,**

- 1       Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
          in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty; victorious, thy great name we praise.
  
- 2       Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
          nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
          thy justice like mountains, high soaring above  
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
  
- 3       To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;  
          in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
          we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
          and wither and perish, but naught changest thee.
  
- 4       Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
          thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight  
          All praise we would render: O help us to see  
          'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

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Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach and Confession

**Children's Address**

## Hymn 189 Be still, for the presence of the Lord,

- 1 Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here;  
Come bow before Him now with reverence and fear.  
In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground;  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.
- 2 Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;  
He burns with holy fire, with splendour He is crowned.  
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.
- 3 Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;  
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace.  
No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him;  
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

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## Psalm 16

- <sup>1</sup> Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.  
<sup>2</sup> I say to the Lord, 'You are my Lord;  
I have no good apart from you.'<sup>[a]</sup>
- <sup>3</sup> As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble,  
in whom is all my delight.
- <sup>4</sup> Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;<sup>[b]</sup>  
their drink-offerings of blood I will not pour out  
or take their names upon my lips.
- <sup>5</sup> The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;  
you hold my lot.
- <sup>6</sup> The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
I have a goodly heritage.
- <sup>7</sup> I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;  
in the night also my heart instructs me.
- <sup>8</sup> I keep the Lord always before me;  
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
- <sup>9</sup> Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;  
my body also rests secure.
- <sup>10</sup> For you do not give me up to Sheol,  
or let your faithful one see the Pit.
- <sup>11</sup> You show me the path of life.  
In your presence there is fullness of joy;  
in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

## 1 Peter 1: 3-9

<sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of

the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. <sup>7</sup> These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup> Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup> for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

### Hymn 577 Christ be beside me,

1 Christ be beside me,  
Christ be before me,  
Christ be behind me,  
King of my heart;  
Christ be within me,  
Christ be below me,  
Christ be above me  
never to part.

2 Christ on my right hand,  
Christ on my left hand,  
Christ all around me  
shield in the strife;  
Christ in my sleeping,  
Christ in my sitting,  
Christ in my rising  
light of my life.

3 Christ be in all hearts,  
thinking about me,  
Christ be in all tongues  
telling of me.  
Christ be the vision  
in eyes that see me,  
in ears that hear me,  
Christ ever be.

From St. Patrick's breastplate, 8<sup>th</sup> century, adapted James Quinn(b.1919)

### St. John 20:19-31

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." <sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (also known as Didymus<sup>[a]</sup>), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." <sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." <sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." <sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this

book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe<sup>[b]</sup> that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

## Sermon

The Offering (& Sung Doxology: Hymn 807)

Prayers of Intercession & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy Kingdom come.  
Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:  
For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.  
Amen.

### Hymn 419 Thine be the Glory

1 Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son;  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.  
*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son:  
Endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won.*

2 Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.  
Let his church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing;  
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.  
*Refrain*

3 No more we doubt thee, glorious prince of life!  
Life is nought without thee; aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:  
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.  
*Refrain*

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## Benediction

## Choral Amen