

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2026 - 3<sup>rd</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 be a Vestry Hour on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>. April, 2026 at 10am followed by our midweek Service at 11.10am.
- 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.
- The Kirk Session will meet in the Cambridge Chapel on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>. May, 2026 at 7.30pm in the Cambridge Chapel.

Introit

Call to Worship

### **Hymn 506 All I once held dear, built my life upon,**

1 All I once held dear, built my life upon,  
All this world reveres, and wars to own,  
All I once thought gain I have counted loss;  
Spent and worthless now, compared to this.  
*Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You,  
there is no greater thing.  
You're my all, You're the best,  
You're my joy, my righteousness,  
and I love You, Lord.*

2 Now my heart's desire is to know You more,  
To be found in You and known as Yours.  
To possess by faith what I could not earn,  
All-surpassing gift of righteousness.  
*Chorus*

3 Oh, to know the power of Your risen life,  
And to know You in Your sufferings.  
To become like You in Your death, my Lord,  
So with You to live and never die.  
*Chorus*

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Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach and Confession

## Children's Address

### Hymn 198 Let us build a house where love can dwell

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:  
*All are welcome,  
all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

2 Let us build a house where prophets speak,  
and words are strong and true,  
where all God's children dare to seek  
to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness  
and as symbol of God's grace;  
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:  
*All are welcome,  
all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

3 Let us build a house where love is found  
in water, wine, and wheat:  
a banquet hall on holy ground  
where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
is revealed in time and space;  
as we share in Christ the feast that free us:  
*All are welcome,  
all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

4 Let us build a house where hands will reach  
beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger  
bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger:  
*All are welcome,  
all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

5 Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed

as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:  
*All are welcome,  
all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place*

*Marty Haugen (b. 1950)*

### **Psalm 116: 12-19**

<sup>12</sup> What shall I return to the Lord  
for all his goodness to me?  
<sup>13</sup> I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the Lord.  
<sup>14</sup> I will fulfill my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all his people.  
<sup>15</sup> Precious in the sight of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful servants.  
<sup>16</sup> Truly I am your servant, Lord;  
I serve you just as my mother did;  
you have freed me from my chains.  
<sup>17</sup> I will sacrifice a thank offering to you  
and call on the name of the Lord.  
<sup>18</sup> I will fulfill my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all his people,  
<sup>19</sup> in the courts of the house of the Lord—  
in your midst, Jerusalem.

### **1 Peter 1: 17-23**

<sup>17</sup> If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup> You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup> He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup> Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

<sup>22</sup> Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup> You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

### **Hymn 466 Before the Throne of God Above**

1        Before the throne of God above  
          I have a strong, a perfect plea:  
A great High Priest, whose name is Love,  
          Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands,  
          My name is written on His heart;  
I know that while in heaven He stands  
          No tongue can bid me thence depart.

2        When Satan tempts me to despair,

And tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look, and see Him there  
Who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Saviour died,  
My sinful soul is counted free;  
For God, the Just, is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me.

3 Behold Him there! the risen Lamb!  
My perfect, spotless Righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I AM,  
the King of glory and of grace!  
One with Himself, I cannot die;  
My soul is purchased by His blood;  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
With Christ, my Saviour and my God.

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### St. Luke 24: 13-35

<sup>13</sup> Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles<sup>[a]</sup> from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, ‘What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?’ They stood still, looking sad.<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, ‘Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?’ <sup>19</sup> He asked them, ‘What things?’ They replied, ‘The things about Jesus of Nazareth,<sup>[c]</sup> who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.<sup>[d]</sup> Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.’ <sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, ‘Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah<sup>[e]</sup> should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?’ <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, saying, ‘Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.’ So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us<sup>[f]</sup> while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?’ <sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying, ‘The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!’ <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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 363 We have a gospel to proclaim .**

- 1 We have a gospel to proclaim,  
good news for all throughout the earth;  
the gospel of a Saviour's name:  
we sing his glory, tell his worth.
- 2 Tell of his birth at Bethlehem  
not in a royal house or hall  
but in a stable dark and dim,  
the Word made flesh, a light for all.
- 3 Tell of his death at Calvary,  
hated by those he came to save,  
in lonely suffering on the Cross;  
for all he loved his life he gave.
- 4 Tell of that glorious Easter morn:  
empty the tomb, for he was free.  
He broke the power of death and hell  
that we might share his victory.
- 5 Tell of his reign at God's right hand,  
by all creation glorified.  
He sends his Spirit on his Church  
to live for him, the Lamb who died.
- 6 Now we rejoice to name him King:  
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
This gospel-message we proclaim:  
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

**Benediction**

**Choral Amen**