



# **St John the Evangelist**

Scottish Episcopal Church, Jedburgh  
*A community of welcome in the Borders*

**27<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

## **Second Sunday of Easter**

**10.00 EUCHARIST**

*Celebrant: **Revd. Andi Hofbauer***

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### **Hymn**

### **See, what a morning**

See what a morning, gloriously bright,  
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;  
Folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light,  
As the angels announce Christ is risen!  
See God's salvation plan, wrought in love,  
Borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,  
Fulfilled in Christ, the Man, for He lives:  
Christ is risen from the dead!

See Mary weeping, 'Where is He laid?'  
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;  
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name;  
It's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!  
The voice that spans the years, speaking life,  
Stirring hope, bringing peace to us,  
Will sound till He appears, for He lives,  
Christ is risen from the dead!

One with the Father, Ancient of Days,  
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty;  
Honour and blessing, glory and praise  
To the King crowned with power and authority!  
And we are raised with Him, death is dead,  
Love has won, Christ has conquered;  
And we shall reign with Him, for He lives,  
Christ is risen from the dead!

*Keith Getty & Stuart Townend*

## **PREPARATION**

*(page 1, blue service book)*

Collect      Almighty God:  
in your great goodness, grant that we, as  
pilgrims through the Easter mysteries, may  
hold them fast in our lives;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives  
and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy  
Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen**

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

*(page 4, blue service book)*

1<sup>st</sup> reading:      Acts 5:27 – 32      *(p. 131, pew Bible)*

Psalm 118      **This is the day that the Lord has made;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

**Hymn 102**      A brighter dawn is breaking

Gospel:      John 20:19 – 31

Sermon, Creed, Intercessions, Peace

**Hymn 104**      At the Lamb's high feast we sing

## LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

(page 7, then page 23, blue service book)

**At Communion:** *there is hand gel on the way to the altar rail for those who wish to handle the chalice themselves. Please do not intinct (dip your wafer in the wine).*

Prayer after We use prayer (a) on p.30:

Communion ***“Holy and life-giving God ...”***

**Hymn 105** Christ the Lord is risen again

Blessing and Dismissal

***We pray especially today for***  
Linda Grant, Elizabeth Bentley

***Dear Friends and Easter people, alleluia, Christ is risen!***

And as every year on the Sunday after Easter Day - good old doubting Thomas. He couldn't take the disciples' word about having seen Jesus alive; he needed proof; he needed to be sure. And I can understand him so very much.

What about you? Do you long for that neat and tidy package that will build our faith, help us believe when we are in a crisis, and keep us going on the long haul of discipleship?

What we get from the gospel accounts instead are stories filled with conflicting accounts. Everyone has been caught utterly off guard by the resurrection. Yet Jesus comes to his disciples in their fear, their confusion, and their doubts and greets them with "Peace be with you." And according to John, he even makes a return visit the next week so that Thomas can experience the resurrection first hand, too.

Jesus' appearance to Thomas reminds us that doubts do not disqualify us from discipleship. Jesus says to Thomas and to us, "Do not doubt, but believe."

Frederick Buechner, Presbyterian pastor and writer, says that if we don't have any doubts, we're either kidding ourselves or asleep. He characterizes doubts as "the ants in the pants" of faith—they keep it awake and moving! I love that phrase!

On this April morning, when the world outside our doors has put away the baskets and the bunnies of Easter and moved on, we continue to be challenged to live as though the resurrection really does illumine our lives.

We are challenged to reach out and embrace the future in faith, believing that the light of the resurrection will enable us to make our way in the world.

We are challenged to seek peace and reconciliation, knowing it is the work of Christ and the Church.

And most of all, we are challenged to remember that while we may look at ourselves and see only doubting Thomases, God looks at us and sees the best: God sees beloved children, faithful friends, spirit-filled partners in the ongoing work of creation.

***With every blessing of abounding Easter joy to you and yours: Andi***

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Priest-in-Charge

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