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"Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for you are with me"

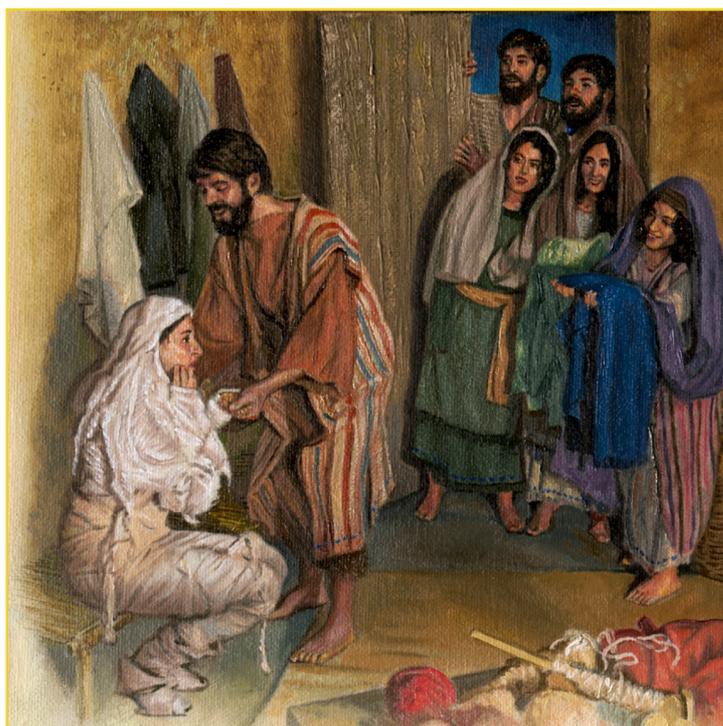
No.111. The Fourth Sunday of Easter, 8 May 2022

Opening Prayer

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead: **Alleluia.**
He has defeated the powers of death: **Alleluia.**
Jesus turns our sorrow into dancing: **Alleluia.**
He has the words of eternal life: **Alleluia.**

Acts 9:36-43

36 Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. **37** At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. **38** Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' **39** So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. **40** Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. **41** He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. **42** This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. **43** Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.



Peter raises Dorcas. Picture unattributed

Psalm 23

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd;
therefore can I lack nothing.
- 2 **He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**
- 3 He shall refresh my soul
and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. ...

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- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**
- 5 You spread a table before me
in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil
and my cup shall be full.
- 6 Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. Amen**

John 10.22-30

22 At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, **23** and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. **24** So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' **25** Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; **26** but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. **27** My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. **28** I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. **29** What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. **30** The Father and I are one.'

Prayers

With the Anglican Communion: *Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda, The Most Revd Laurent Mbanda.*

In our deanery: *Bentham St John the Baptist.*

Our charity: *St John's Hospice, Lancaster and other hospices in our region.*

Our community: *those who are prevented by sickness, infirmity or other reasons from attending church services and other events.*

Those in ill health: *Robert Hird, Joan Robson, George Greenbank, Peter Read, Vesta Walton, Eileen Plumridge. Those who have died:* *Anna Hampshire, Ron Whitmore, Beryl Hopley, Jeanne Parry.*

Collect

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

At the start of the Eucharistic prayer:

We give you thanks and praise
for the gospel we have received.
Christ died for our sins. Alleluia.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Death comes to all through Adam,
and sin reigns for a time.
New life without end comes through Christ,
and he reigns for ever. Alleluia.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Death, where is your victory?
Death, where is your sting?
Death is swallowed up in victory,
the victory you give us in Christ. Alleluia.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

We have been crucified with Christ,
and live his risen life,
to praise you for ever
with angels and archangels, saying:

*(Continues with “**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord...**” on p.5 of the Holy Communion booklet)*

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**

Blessing

May Christ, who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future,
fill you with his new life;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the son and the Holy Spirit,
be with you now and remain with you always. **Amen**

MUSIC IN TODAY'S SERVICES Sunday 8th May

9.30 **Austwick** Holy Communion; 11.00 **Keasden** Holy Communion

Opening Hymn: 452 Stand up and bless the Lord

Psalm Music: The Lord's my Shepherd (Stuart Townend)

performed by Joanne Hogg from The Best Celtic Worship Album in the World... Ever!, 2012.

Music Before Communion: Gifts for Sharing (words: p.5)

Closing Hymn: 486 We have a gospel to proclaim

“Theologians talk about a prevenient grace that precedes grace itself and allows us to accept it. I think there must also be a prevenient courage that allows us to be brave - that is, to acknowledge that there is more beauty than our eyes can bear, that precious things have been put into our hands and to do nothing to honour them is to do great harm. And therefore, this courage allows us, as the old men said, to make ourselves useful. It allows us to be generous, which is another way of saying exactly the same thing.”

*Marilynne Robinson,
Gilead*

**CHURCH SERVICES:
MAY / JUNE**

Sunday 15th May

9.30 **Austwick** Holy Communion;
11.00 **Clapham** Holy Communion;
6.30 **Eldroth** Evening Prayer

Sunday 22nd May

9.30 **Austwick** Holy Communion then
Austwick May Walk at 1.00;
7.00 **Keasden** Lambing Service in the
churchyard.

Thursday 26th May

10:30 **Austwick**: Ascension Day Holy
Communion (replaces Wednesday HC).

Sunday 29th May

10:30 **Eldroth**: Pentecost Messy Church.

Sunday 5th June

9.30 **Austwick**; 11.00 **Clapham**:
HM Queen Elizabeth II
Platinum Jubilee Services

Sunday 12th June

9.30 **Austwick** Holy Communion; 11.00
Keasden Holy Communion

Sunday 19th June

9.30 **Austwick** Holy Communion; 11.00
Clapham Holy Communion
6.30 **Eldroth** Holy Communion

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK,
15-22 MAY 2022**



Your supporting Christian Aid helps people like Jessica Mwedzi, a Zimbabwean mother, combat the effects of drought by enabling her to grow drought-resistant crops. There will be Christian Aid services at **Austwick**, 9.30, and **Clapham**, 11.00, on Sunday 15 May, and collections locally.

**COME TOGETHER
IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS
ON SUNDAY 22 MAY**

1.00 Austwick May Walk: starting from Austwick church, a circular walk through Oxenber Wood with local ecologist Judith Allinson, finishing at the church with refreshments.

7.00 Keasden Lambing Service: our annual gathering to give thanks for our lambing 'harvest'. In St Matthew's Churchyard, with refreshments.

**QUEEN ELIZABETH II PLATINUM JUBILEE
CHURCH SERVICES, SUNDAY 5 JUNE 2022**

To share in the country's celebrations of The Queen's Platinum Jubilee there will be special church services at **Austwick**, 9.30, and **Clapham**, 11.00, on Sunday 5 June.

Jubilee bells to ring out at Clapham

On Thursday 2 June Clapham's bells will ring a full peal of 5040 changes, which will take just under 3 hours.

On Friday 3 June the ringers will take part in the National Co-ordinated Bellringing to coincide with the Queen's Service of Thanksgiving at St Paul's Cathedral, followed by some open ringing time, when people can visit the church, meet the ringers, maybe have a try, and some refreshments will be served as well. On Sunday 5 June the bells will ring again for the Sunday Service, and at 2.30-3.00, leading up to the Village Tea Party at Hall Garth.



1. The kind heart of a woman failed
and men were sent to plead,
"Dear Peter, come to Joppa now.
for Dorcas is in need.
Restore her to the charities
that we have come to know.
She has a gift for sewing that
has helped the church to grow."

2. A clever merchant, Lydia,
in ancient Philippi,
grew wealthy selling purple goods,
as Paul did testify,
"This woman shares her fortune to
support us where we go.
She has a gift for business that
has helped the church to grow."

3. Priscilla and Aquila worked
with Paul at making tents,
while teaching, preaching God in Christ
to Corinth residents.
Apollos said, "What I have learned
has set my faith aglow.
They have a gift for teaching that
has helped the church to grow."

4. No matter where we work or live
or worship in this land,
you grace us with your presence, God,
and gift us by your hand
with talents, skills, abilities
more useful than we know.
We all have gifts for sharing that
can help the church to grow.

Gifts for Sharing: Mary Nelson Keithahn, 1997
Tune: RESIGNATION (Southern Harmony)