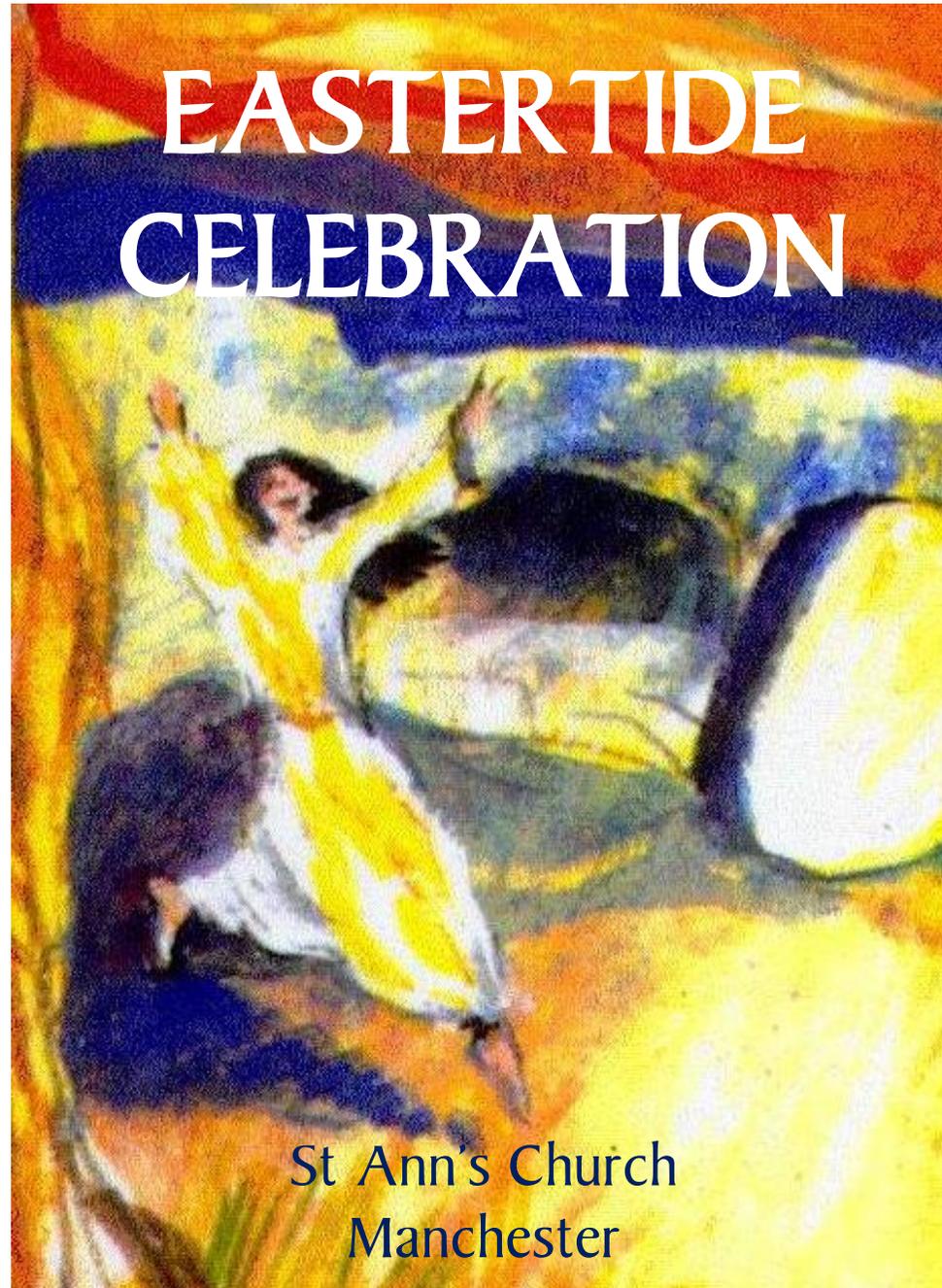




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EASTERTIDE CELEBRATION



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¶ Gathering

Nigel Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Nigel Alleluia. Christ is risen.
All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Hymn

Crown him with many crowns,
the lamb upon his throne;
hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own:
awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love!
Behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end,
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

Matthew Bridges Revelation 19.12

Collect for Today

Nigel 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.

All **Amen.**

The Shepherd and the Sheep
Canon Nigel Ashworth



¶ Word and Prayer

The Reading from Acts – read by Ant Ingham

Acts 2.42-47

Many were baptized and were added to the community.⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ 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, ⁴⁷ 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.

Anthony This is the word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading read by Helly Ingham

Helly Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 10.1-10

Jesus said to the Pharisees: ¹ '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. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.'

⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷ So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Helly This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Address

The Revd Sydwell Isaac

Hymn

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
he makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,
yet will I fear none ill;
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou has furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me;
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling-place shall be.

Scottish Psalter 1650 Psalm 23

Affirmation of Faith

Nigel

Let us declare our faith
in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All

**Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe.
Amen.**

cf 1 Corinthians 15.3-7

Prayers of Penitence

Sydwell God, our hope and our salvation,
like sheep who go astray, we wander from your paths.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Sydwell We have heard the Shepherd's voice calling us by name,
but we so easily turn to our own way.
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Sydwell The iniquity of us all was laid upon the Son of Man
that we might know forgiveness.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Sydwell May the God of love and power forgive us
and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Anthem

*The choir have prepared Richard Shephard's 'The Easter Song of Praise'
(Sing, Choirs of Heaven')*

The Peace

Nigel introduces the Peace and says

All The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Sydwell will invite people to share the peace together.

Prayers of Intercession

Prayers are led by Surandini and Kesh. This response is used

Minister The Lord is my Shepherd;
All **I shall not want.**

At the end

All Lord of the Church,
**hear our prayer,
and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy for ever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

All Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory
for ever and ever.
Amen.

¶ Ending

Hymn

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,

Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

He is the King of Creation.

Alleluia, alleluia...

Spread the good news o'er all the earth,

Jesus has died and has risen.

Alleluia, alleluia...

Come let us praise the living God,

joyfully sing to our Saviour.

Alleluia, alleluia...

Donald Fishel

The Blessing

Sydwell God, who through the resurrection
of our Lord Jesus Christ
has given us the victory,
give you joy and peace in your faith;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be amongst you
and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Voluntary

Whilst the music is being played please get your coffees and come back to the screen so we can greet one another.