



CARLTON-IN-LINDRICK METHODIST CHURCH

CONTACT

April 2023

Dear Friends

One of my favourite Easter hymns is number 306 in Singing the Faith.
The first verse says:

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:

Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.



It reminds us that to be born again we must first die, just as a seed dies when it is put into the ground, but from it comes a new plant.

You will be receiving this copy of Contact at the very beginning of April and, as Easter is as late as it can be this year, it is only Palm Sunday, the day on which we remember the entry into Jerusalem on a donkey of Jesus. What a triumphant day that was. People welcomed him with joy and shouts of Alleluia, and laid palm leaves on the ground.

But this feeling of joy didn't last very long and as the week progressed, the atmosphere turned very sour indeed. The Roman leaders, as well as the Jewish leaders, became more and more threatened by Jesus and plans to do away with him accelerated.

On Thursday evening Jesus and his disciples ate a last meal together. During it, and according to Jewish custom, he blessed and broke bread and shared it with his friends. Then he blessed the wine and the common cup was shared amongst them, thus was the institution of the Lord's Supper. Afterwards most of them went to the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus needed to spend time alone. He suspected what was going to happen and wanted to prepare himself mentally for it. It was here that he was betrayed by Judas Iscariot to the Roman guards and later that evening Peter denied that he knew him.

Friday was the worst day anyone can imagine. Jesus was condemned to death, flogged, tortured and forced to carry the cross beam on which he would be crucified to the place of execution. It was an horrendous death, slow and agonising and after he had died, because it was so close to the Sabbath, he was quickly taken down from the cross and buried in a nearby tomb, without the usual preparations of the body. The intention was to come back early in the morning after the Sabbath was over and perform those rites.

But they had to get through the Sabbath. I can't imagine how his mother, his other family and his friends coped that day. It must have seemed to go on for ever. I am sure you will have experienced something similar. It's like the time between someone's death and the funeral. There is so much to do, but you feel numb, in limbo, your body and your mind in a complete state of confusion.

And so it was that, on that first Easter morning, it was the women who came to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body and found that it was not there. Confusion was added to confusion. Their minds could not take it in. It was only when Mary Magdalene talked to the person she thought was the gardener, and he spoke her name so lovingly, that she realised that all that Jesus had said was true. Everyone had taken so much that he had said literally but he had been talking about himself, that he would be torn down and then, three days later, rise again.

There is a great temptation for us to leap straight from Palm Sunday to Easter Day, but if we do that, we are unlikely to feel the power and the glory of Jesus' resurrection. In order to really feel the joy of *Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green*, we need to experience the Thursday, the Friday and especially the Saturday of Holy Week.

May you know the love of God, and experience the power and the glory and the joy of Easter in your life. May you know that Christ is risen; He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Meg

Rev Meg Burton

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

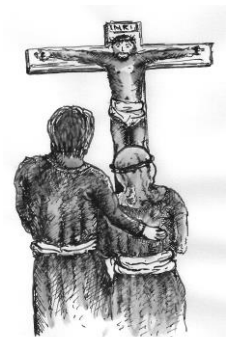
APRIL		
Sunday 2 nd	11.00 am	Palm Sunday Morning Worship – Rev Bob Heathcote – Holy Communion
Monday 3 rd	10.30 – 12 .30	Warm Space – Warm Welcome
Friday 7 th	3.00 pm	* Good Friday United Service at North Anston
Sunday 9 th	10.00 am	Easter Day United Family Holy Communion Service at St John's No service at Methodist Church
Monday 10 th	10.00 am start from C&C 10.30 – 12.30	* Boys' Brigade & Girls' Association Sponsored Walk, followed by lunch at approximately 12 noon. Warm Space - Warm Welcome as normal
Sunday 16 th	11.00 am	Church Anniversary – Own Arrangement <i>(If anyone has still being collecting coppers for church funds, as previously, please bring them to this service. Thank you.)</i>
Monday 17 th	10.30 – 12.30	* Warm Welcome Coffee Morning
Sunday 23 rd		
Monday 24 th	10.30 – 12.30	* Warm Welcome Coffee Morning
Sunday 30 th	11.00 am	Morning Worship Café Style – Rev Emily Hoe-Crook
Advance Date Monday 8 th May	11 am – 2 pm	* Coronation Celebration and Family Fun Day

* See below / overleaf

Good Friday. This year it is our turn to visit North Anston, and the service will be led by Rev Angela. If anyone would like a lift, please speak to Eddie or Helen.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16



Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association Sponsored Walk and Lunch



The walk will be approximately 4 miles in the Hodsock area. Family and friends are all welcome to walk or just to join us for a jacket potato lunch afterwards. If you are not walking but would like to sponsor one of the young people or leaders, please add your name to the sponsor form in church.



If you would like lunch, please add your name to the list, also in church.

There will be no set charge for lunch but donations will be gratefully received. All sponsor money and donations this year will be for our Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association funds.

Warm Space Warm Welcome will take place as normal.

If it happens to be bad weather, activities will be held in the Church & Centre.

Warm Welcome Coffee Morning



After Easter, when we hope the weather will be warming up a bit (!!), our Monday morning gathering will be known as Warm Welcome Coffee Morning. We will still be open from 10.30 am – 12.30 pm, and will continue to offer a warm welcome and the chance to chat over a coffee or tea. Board games, books, jigsaws and magazines will be available if you wish to pass some time. Or if you just want space to sit, that's fine too. Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you.



Coronation Celebration and Family Fun Day

This is organised by the Parish Council and will be on Bank Holiday Monday, 8 May, 11 am - 2 pm. As in the past with village fetes, we will be having a joint stall with St John's Church and any help in staffing the stall would be greatly appreciated. Full details later, but if you have any time to spare, please speak to Eddie.

Turkey – Syria Appeal Update

The total collected for the Disasters Emergency Committee Appeal for the earthquake in Turkey – Syria was £72.50. A donation has been received to make the final total £100. Thank you to all who contributed.



Shoebox Update

Globally, over 10.5 million shoeboxes were sent including 252,000 from the UK, of which 20,000 were processed in South Yorkshire.

Shoebboxes from St John's Parish church (to which this church also contributed), were delivered to Ukrainian refugee children in Moldova and children in Belarus. Feedback states: *"There was indescribable joy for the children of Ukraine who received these gifts..."* A child in Belarus said, *"...I have never received such a good gift before I especially loved the doll..."* Samaritan's Purse say, *"Thank you so much for packing a shoebox gift and sending love and hope to a child in need. Your generosity makes such a difference."*

Once again, thank you so much for contributing to the Shoebox Appeal.

Louise Brereton

EASTER BONNETS & OTHER HATS (Yvonne)

Bonnets have been worn since the Middle Ages – usually tied under the chin and worn by servants. Poke bonnets had a large peak and were made by milliners. Today, bonnets are usually only worn by Amish or Quakers in America. Married women or widows were required to wear them. Bonnets were adopted by the Salvation Army based on 1 Corinthians 11. This part of the uniform is now a bowler hat. Bowlers were originally a hard hat worn by gamekeepers, later for city gents. They were more popular in the Wild West than cowboy hats or stetsons, because they were close fitting and stayed on.

Easter bonnets started in the 1870s due to a New York City Easter Parade. In the 1940s up to one million took part, also due to the popularity of the 1948 film Easter Parade. Easter is seen as a time of renewal after Lent and a time of new life in Springtime. Children love to decorate a hat with eggs, chicks and flowers.



Dutch bonnets are usually in white cotton or lace with triangular flaps or wings. In other parts of the world, there are sombreros, fez, panama hats, bush hats, Tyrolean hats and Russian Cossack hats - often for protection from the weather.

Fisherwomen in Staithes, north of Whitby (pictured), wore bonnets with a frill at the back of the neck, for carrying baskets of fish on their heads.

Hats often defined class. Flat caps were worn by workers, bowlers by foremen and top hats by bosses. Baseball caps are now popular with logos for work uniforms or casual wear. Wide-brimmed hats, fascinators, berets, trilbies and top hats are worn at race meetings or weddings. Military hats include peaked caps, berets, baseball caps, thermals, busbies and bearskins.

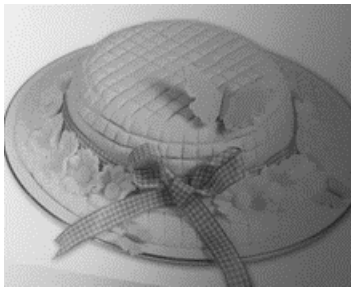
RECIPE CORNER (Yvonne)



Easter Bonnet Cake

3 medium eggs
175g/6oz butter or marg
175g/6oz sugar
grated zest of a lemon
175g/6oz S R flour

To decorate
454g/1lb ready to roll white icing
a drop of yellow food colouring
2 tbsp lemon curd
ribbon, icing or silk flowers



Grease & line a 1.5 ltr/2½ pint pyrex casserole dish. Preheat oven 170°C/325°F/Mk3. Cream butter & sugar. Add beaten eggs and stir in lemon zest and gradually add flour. Cook in pyrex dish for 45 – 55 minutes.

To decorate – colour about ¾ of icing pale yellow. Knead to mix well. Roll out a thin circle of icing about 1” wider than cake. Put on plate. Press a cooling rack on icing to make squares. Cut out middle and put cake over hole. Roll the icing again and cover the cake. Use the cooling rack to make more squares. Add a ribbon and make flowers from remaining icing.

A postcard from 1915

In case you can't read the text, It says:

At Eastertide
I love to stride
Along the Avenue,
And place on view
My bonnet new!
Don't you?



EASTER IN MALTA (Yvonne)

On Good Friday, we watched a procession in Zejtun with all the scenes from the Passion that were carried along. There were scenes from the Bible, Roman centurions and Egyptians. Some carried the cross and were barefoot as a penance - some with their faces covered.



On Easter Sunday, the figure of the Risen Christ was carried from the cathedral in Valetta. Bells were ringing, bands playing and crowds cheering. It was very moving. The figure was carried all around the city, running up steep streets.



FINANCE

Carlton Methodist Church and Centre is expensive to maintain. Last year (Sept 21 – Sept 22), it cost us approximately the following amounts each week.

Property:	£ 20 – £30
Electricity:	£5
Gas:	£21
Water:	£2.70
Printer/Copier:	£10.50
Assessment:	£250
Insurance:	£27

This amounts to £321.20 per week. The current rising costs are making things worse. It would be helpful if you could, at least think and pray about

increasing your collection. The front of the building needs painting and that will be approximately £2,500. We cannot afford that at the moment.

We have been losing money for a few years. Whilst we have had a bank balance to cover that we have been all right. However, we have used all the surplus money and we are living hand to mouth. I don't want anyone to feel guilty about this but if you are able to help – thank you.

Rev Alan
Treasurer

A MESSAGE FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT, REV JULIE COATES

Dear Friends

In order to continue our **conversation about God's mission** in the Trinity Circuit there will be an open gathering on **Tuesday 18th April from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.** at **Carlton Methodist Church**.

Everyone is welcome – this is not just for the members of the Circuit Meeting.

We will spend time in **prayer, reflection and discussion**.

Key questions:

- How can we simplify the way we run our churches so that we have more time and energy to engage in God's mission in our local communities?
- What can we do in partnership with other churches and other agencies?
- What is the mission of each of our buildings?
- How would you complete this statement: 'To share our faith with others we could ...'

We have been called to be part of the Church in very interesting times!

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Julie

To a Christian, Easter Sunday means everything, when we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Bernhard Langer

It's not about the bunny;
it's about the lamb.

Unknown

Easter egg hunts are proof that children can find things when they really want.

Unknown

The very first Easter taught us this:
that life never ends and love never dies.

Kate McGahan

Meg used this story at our all age Mothering Sunday worship last month,
but I think it's worth repeating as we approach Easter.
Jesus describes himself by using the striking image of a mother hen with her chicks.

A Farmyard Story

The farmyard was a peaceful place – safe and warm for the animals that lived there. The pig in his sty, the young calves in the big shed, the lambs in the pen, the ducks on the pond and the hens – the hens were everywhere, clucking and pecking at the grain and food scraps all around the yard.

The hens truly were everywhere – except for one mother hen, who was busy with her newly hatched brood of chicks. Little, fluffy, yellow bundles of new life looked after by a proud mum. It was a typical, peaceful farmyard scene – a safe place to live – at least it was, until one night three weeks before Easter.

All the animals had settled to sleep, when a strange new smell was caught on the wind – an unfamiliar, unpleasant smell, a dangerous smell. The mother hen awoke. She smelt it too. It was the smell of burning. Somehow, somewhere in the darkness of the night a fire had begun. It was spreading fast, licked into a fury by the wind. Stubble began to burn, the hay in the hayloft caught light and the dry wood of the pens was soon ablaze.

Panic set in among the animals. The lambs were bleating, the cattle lowing in distress, the pigs snorting with fear, the ducks were flapping and squawking, the hens scurrying about in confusion. The mother hen sensed the danger and drew her chicks closer to her for safety. Surely the farmer would be alerted by now? He would come and rescue them from the corner of the barn that had

become their temporary home. The mother hen sat tight and waited – too frightened to leave, too protective of her young to move.

The farmer did come but not to the barn. Bringing water and beaters, he and his friends did their best to douse the roaring flames and rescue the bigger animals. It was hard work. Exhausted they had to be content with containing the disaster and waiting for dawn to see the damage. They rescued all they could.

What about the mother hen? When the farmer began the morning search of the ashes in the barn, he spied something unusual – a sad lump of charred feathers in one corner. The poor hen, overcome by the fumes and the heat, had died. But – didn't the feathers move? Yes! Something was alive. He brushed back the mess and out stumbled six little chicks, safe and sound, protected from disaster by a mother's love. She had died so that they could be saved. She had given her life so that they would go on living.

It was only three weeks to Easter and this one event, more than anything else, helped the farmer to understand for the first time what Easter was really all about.

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QUIZ TIME



Biscuits Answers

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| 1. Florentine | 7. Rich tea | 12. Tunnock's |
| 2. Lebkuchen | 8. Fox's Biscuits | 13. 1985 |
| 3. Ginger | 9. Jammie Dodgers (after
Roger the Dodger) | 14. Viscount |
| 4. Genoise | 10. Shortbread | 15. Penguin |
| 5. Bourbon | 11. Jacob's | |
| 6. Malted milk | | |
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Farmyard Animals and Farming

1. What is a Gloucestershire Old Spot?
 2. What name is given to the type of animals, common amongst farm animals, which have four stomachs?
 3. Which breed of sheep is usually found in the Lake District?
 4. What is the underside of a horse's hoof called?
 5. Which country is the world's biggest producer of wheat?
 6. What colour is the face of a Suffolk sheep?
 7. How many acres are there in a hectare?
 8. The disease Grass Staggers in cattle and sheep is caused by a deficiency of which mineral?
 9. On average, how many grains of wheat are there in a ton (or tonne)?
 10. A Blackface is a breed of which animal?
 11. What type of animal is a Rhode Island Red?
 12. *Away to me* and *Come by* are words of command used by farmers to which animal?
 13. What do you get when you cross a male donkey with a female horse?
 14. Which type of farm animal includes Welsh, Tamworth, Yorkshire Blue & White and Saddleback?
 15. Turkeys are native to which continent?
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In the rising of the Easter dawn,
Christ is risen.
In the laughter of children at play during a cease-fire,
Christ is risen.
Where the hungry celebrate with feasting,
Christ is risen.
Where people find their voices and sing their songs,
Christ is risen.
When enemies give up violence and become friends,
Christ is risen.
When love is allowed to flourish and grow into community,
Christ is risen.
We welcome you our crucified and risen Christ,
Christ is risen, Alleluia.

Roots Resources



Closing date for items for March Contact – Wednesday 12th April

CHILDREN'S PAGE

Easter

Hello

Jesus was becoming very popular and the strict Jews were afraid that they would lose too many followers if he went on. They had him arrested late one night when there weren't any people around. They tried him in front of different people during that night. Eventually, Pilate, who was King on behalf of the Romans, washed his hands of the case and said, "Take him and do what you want with him."

They took him early the next morning and made him carry a heavy piece of wood which would form part of the cross to crucify him. When they reached the top of a hill outside Jerusalem they crucified Jesus with two other men. When he died, a man called Joseph asked for his body and he took it and put it in a small cave that he had bought for himself. The Romans rolled a large stone over the entrance and sealed it in case anyone stole the body of Jesus.

It was the custom to anoint a body with spices but they could not do it on the Friday because it was too late. Saturday was the Sabbath or Holy day. So the women brought spices on Sunday morning. They were wondering how they would get the stone rolled away, when they saw that the entrance was already uncovered. They looked inside but there was no body. Mary ran back to Jerusalem and told Peter and John what they had found.

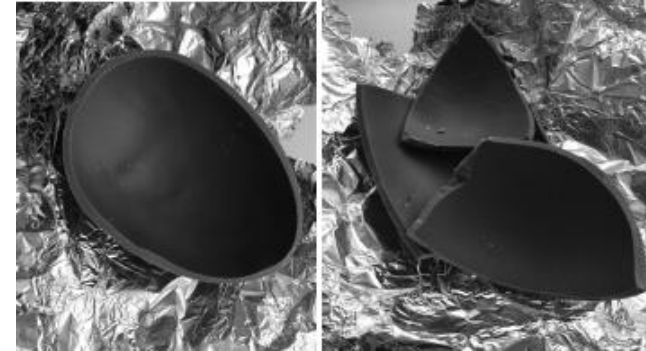
Peter and John ran and saw the empty grave. Mary followed them. They returned to Jerusalem. Mary stayed and was crying in the garden. A man spoke to her. "Mary, why are you weeping?" She knew that it was Jesus! He told her to go and tell his disciples that he was alive and that they should meet him in Galilee as they had agreed. Jesus was indeed alive and is still alive today.

God bless you

Rev Alan

(Chaplain – 1st Carlton Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association)

Easter Egg Prayer

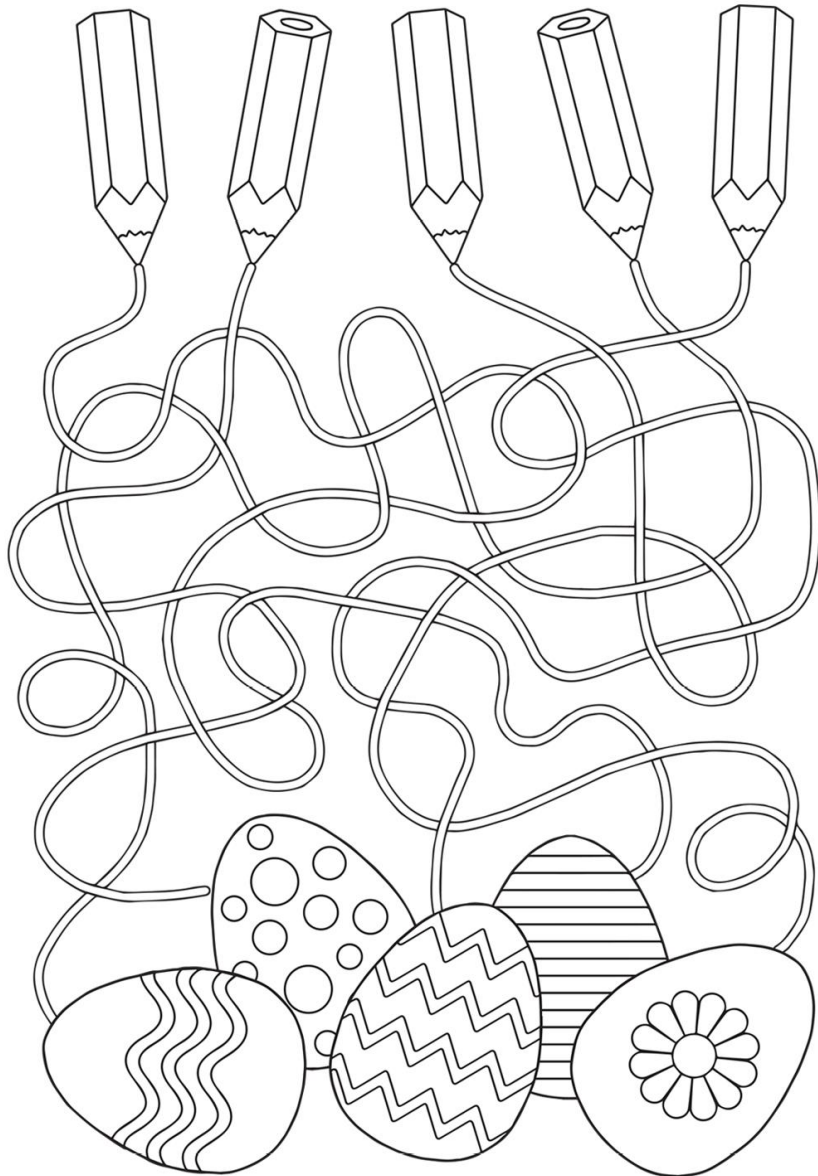


- As you unwrap your Easter egg, thank God for all the good things in your life.
- As you open your egg, look the empty, hollow shell. Be thankful that Jesus rose from the grave and that the tomb was found empty on Easter Sunday.
- As you break up your chocolate shell, pray for people and situations that may feel broken and ask God to be with those people and in those situations.
- As you eat your chocolate, thank God for the people you love and those who bring sweetness to your life.

(Messy Church At Home – 2021)

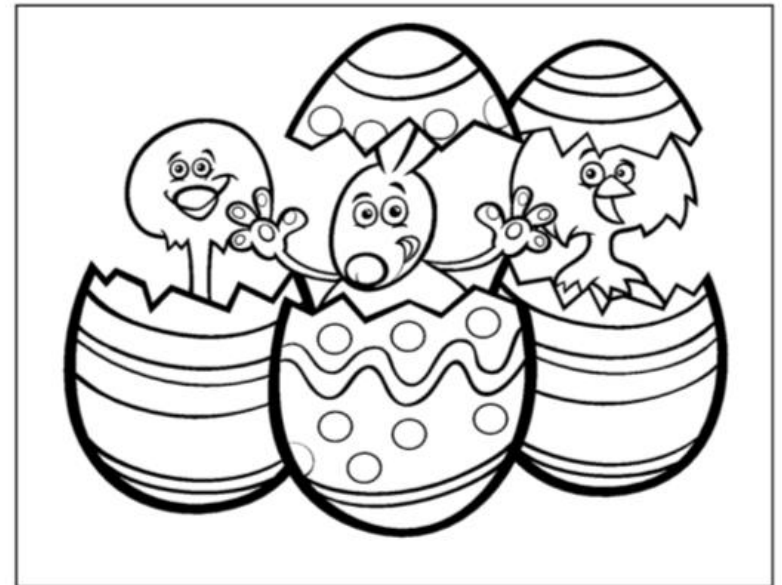
Which egg is which?

Follow the pencils to see which line goes to each egg.
You could colour them in too.



Spot the difference

Can you spot the 7 differences between the two pictures below?



For reflection, here are the Lectionary readings and an appropriate hymn for each Sunday in April.

Sunday 2nd April
(Palm Sunday)

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Matthew 21:1-11

1 All glory, laud, and honour
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!
Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and Blessed One.

2 The company of angels
are praising thee on high,
and mortal men and all things
created make reply.
The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before thee we present.

3 To thee before thy Passion
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee now high exalted
our melody we raise.
Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King.

4 All glory, laud, and honour
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!

St Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821)
translated by John Mason Neale (1811-1866)

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Sunday 9th April
(Easter Day)

Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-19

1 Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

2 In the grave they laid him, Love who had been slain,
thinking that he never would awake again,
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:

3 Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for the three days in the grave had lain,
quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:

4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
then your touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:

John Macleod Campbell Crum (1872-1958) (alt.)

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Sunday 16th April
(Low Sunday)

1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

- 1 This joyful Eastertide,
what need is there for grieving?
Cast all your cares aside
and be not unbelieving:
*Come, share our Easter joy
that death could not imprison,
nor any power destroy,
our Christ, who is arisen*
- 2 No work for him is vain,
no faith in him mistaken,
for Easter makes it plain
his kingdom is not shaken:

- 3 Then put your trust in Christ,
in waking and in sleeping.
His grace on earth sufficed;
he'll never quit his keeping:

Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)

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Sunday 23rd April
(Easter 3)

1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24: 13-35

- 1 On the day of resurrection
to Emmaus we return;
while confused, amazed, and frightened,
Jesus comes to us, unknown.
- 2 Then the stranger asks a question,
'What is this which troubles you?'
Meets us in our pain and suffering;
Jesus walks with us, unknown.
- 3 In our trouble, words come from him;
burning fire within our hearts
tells to us the scripture's meaning.
Jesus speaks to us, unknown.
- 4 Then we near our destination.
Then we ask the stranger in,
and he yields unto our urging;
Jesus stays with us, unknown.

- 5 Day of sorrow is forgotten
when the guest becomes the host.
Taking bread and blessing, breaking,
Jesus is himself made known.

- 6 Opened eyes, renewed convictions,
journey back to scenes of pain;
telling all that Christ is risen.
Jesus is through us made known.

Michael Peterson

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Sunday 30th April
(Easter 4)

1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill;
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

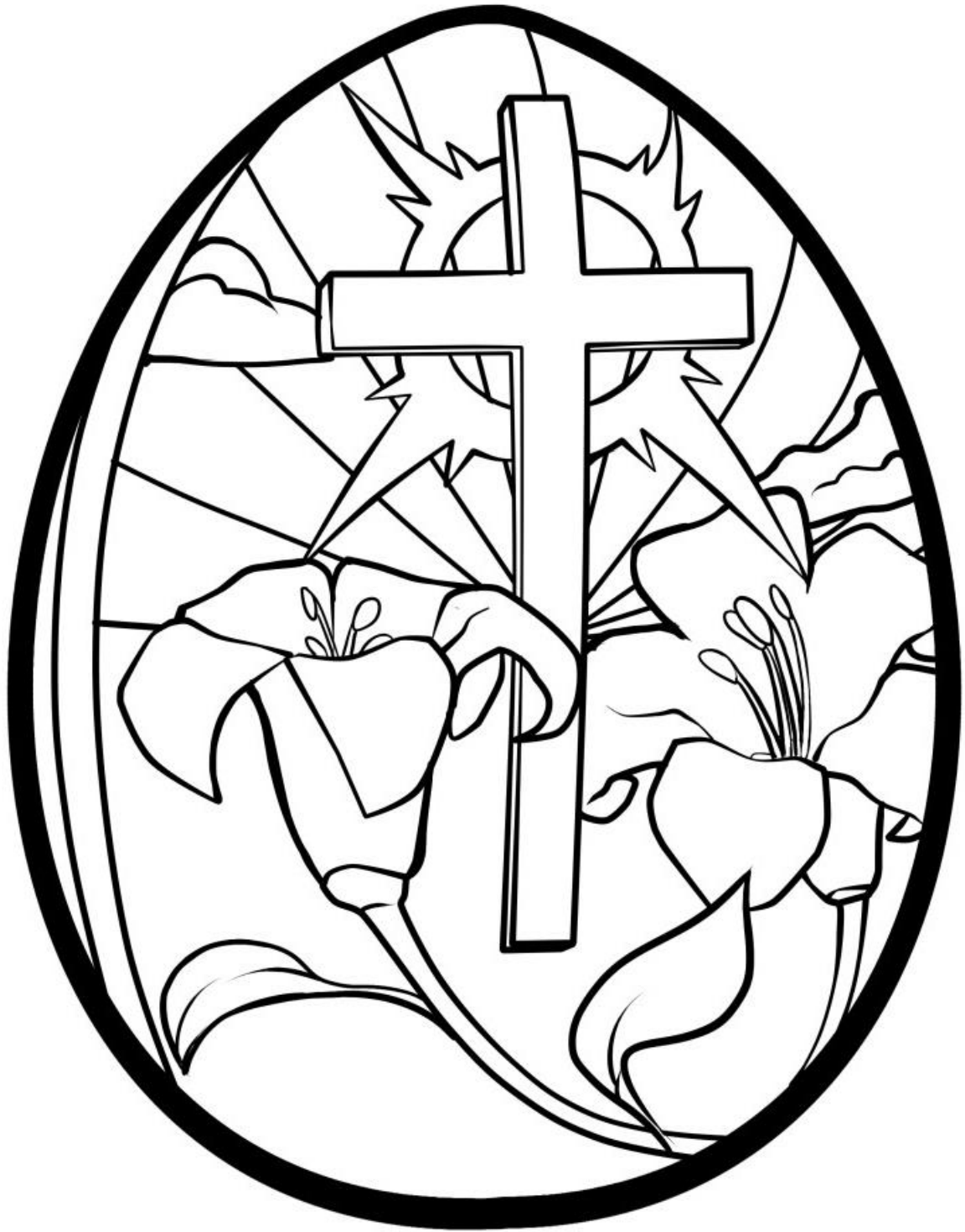
- 4 My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

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

Psalm 23
The Scottish Psalter, 1929

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CHRIST IS RISEN

ALLELUIA!