

Balerno l/w Currie
Sunday 19th April 2026 – Easter 3
Currie Kirk 10.00a.m.

Call to Worship	Minister:	In our worship and prayer,
	All:	we praise our Maker.
	Minister:	In our travelling together,
	All:	we are met by our Risen One.
	Minister:	Sharing bread and conversation
	All:	our hearts burn within us.
	Minister:	This the time,
	All:	<i>“where faith and life cross paths”.</i>
	Minister:	This the place,
All:	<i>“to believe, to belong, to grow and to serve.”</i>	

CH 411 Christ the Lord is risen today

Prayer

First Thoughts

CH 126 Let’s sing to the Lord, yes, sing God a new song

1st Reading Luke 24.13-24

Choral Interlude

2nd Reading Luke 24. 25-35

Sermon

CH 430 Christ has risen while earth slumbers

Offering

Dedication All:

Prayers for Others

The Lord’s Prayer	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 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

CH 616 There's a spirit in the air

Dismissal	Minister:	Jesus is the Way he goes on ahead of you.
	All:	We walk in Christ's way.
	Minister:	Jesus is the truth, Trust that this truth will set you free.
	All:	We seek Christ's truth.
	Minister:	Jesus is life, Discover that as he lives you too will live.
	All:	We long for life in all its fullness.

Blessing & Threefold Amen

Luke 24.13-24

13 Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. 14 They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. 15 As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; 16 but they were kept from recognising him.

17 He asked them, 'What are you discussing together as you walk along?' They stood still, their faces downcast. 18 One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, 'Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?'

19 'What things?' he asked. 'About Jesus of Nazareth,' they replied. 'He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. 20 The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; 21 but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. 22 In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning 23 but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. 24 Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.'

Luke 24.25-35

25 He said to them, 'How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?' 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

28 As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going further. 29 But they urged him strongly, 'Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them.

30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognised him, and he disappeared from their sight. 32 They asked each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?'

33 They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together 34 and saying, 'It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' 35 Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognised by them when he broke the bread.

1 Peter 1.3-9

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade.
This inheritance is kept in heaven for you,
who through faith are shielded by God's power
until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.
In all this you greatly rejoice,
though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.
These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith
– of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire
– may result in praise, glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed.
Though you have not seen him, you love him;
and even though you do not see him now,
you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy,
for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

John 20.19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together,
with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders,
Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!'
After he said this, he showed them his hands and side.
The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.
Again Jesus said,
'Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.'
And with that he breathed on them and said,
'Receive the Holy Spirit.
If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven;
if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.'

Now Thomas (also known as Didymus, one of the Twelve,
was not with the disciples when Jesus came.
So the other disciples told him,
'We have seen the Lord!'
But he said to them,
'Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were,
and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them.
Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said,
'Peace be with you!'
Then he said to Thomas,
'Put your finger here; see my hands.
Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.'
Thomas said to him,
'My Lord and my God!'
Then Jesus told him, '
Because you have seen me, you have believed;
blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not
recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the
Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.