

Parish Eucharist

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

2nd May 2020

10am



Welcome on behalf of the community of St. John's Church

St. John's seeks to be an inclusive church community where all are welcomed and valued, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, gender or sexuality.

This is a very unusual time for the Church. However, as the Body of Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit we are united in fellowship with one another and with the whole company of heaven.

As such, whether you are with us in person or following along on the live-stream we are delighted to welcome you.

Rev Alan Hargrave is presiding this morning

HYMN

- 1 Restore, O Lord, the honour of Your name,
in works of sovereign power
come shake the earth again;
that all may see and come with reverent fear
to the living God,
whose kingdom shall outlast the years.

- 2 Restore, O Lord, in all the earth Your fame,
and in our time revive
the church that bears Your name.
And in Your anger, Lord, remember mercy,
O living God,
whose mercy shall outlast the years.

- 3 Bend us, O Lord, where we are hard and cold,
in Your refiner's fire
come purify the gold.
Though suffering comes and evil crouches near,
still our living God
is reigning, He is reigning here.

- 4 Restore, O Lord, the honour of Your name,
in works of sovereign power
come shake the earth again;
that all may see and come with reverent fear
to the living God,
whose kingdom shall outlast the years.

THE GREETING and INTRODUCTION

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

All **and also with you.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil

and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.
Like Mary at the empty tomb,
we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.
Lord, have mercy,

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Like the disciples behind locked doors,
we are afraid to be seen as your followers.
Christ, have mercy,

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Like Thomas in the upper room,
we are slow to believe.
Lord, have mercy,

All **Lord, have mercy.**

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Please stand for the Gloria

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,**

**in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

THE COLLECT

Let us pray that we may reign with the risen Christ in glory.

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Please sit for the reading

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING:

GENESIS 22: 1-18

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.' So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.' Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And he said, 'Here I am, my son.' He said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?' Abraham said, 'God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, 'Abraham,

Abraham!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’ He said, ‘Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.’ And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place ‘The LORD will provide’; as it is said to this day, ‘On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.’

The angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, ‘By myself I have sworn, says the LORD: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.’

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the Gospel reading

THE GOSPEL: John 15: 1-8

Alleluia, alleluia.

‘I am the way, the truth and the life’ says the Lord,
‘No one comes to the Father except through me.’

All **Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

‘I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Please stand to affirm our faith

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Amen.

Please sit or kneel for our intercessions

INTERCESSIONS

Let us pray for the world and the Church, and thank God for his goodness.

The following response may be used:

Lord, in your mercy *or* Lord, hear us.

All **Hear our prayer** **Lord, graciously hear us.**

After the names of the departed have been read out:

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord

All **and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

The prayers may conclude with

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou amongst women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.

All **Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners**

now and at the hour of our death. Amen

Merciful Father,
All **accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Please stand for the Peace

THE PEACE

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,
'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you,

All **and also with you. Alleluia**

PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.

In your loving care you spread before us the table of life
and give us the cup of salvation to drink.

Keep us always in the fold of our Saviour and our Shepherd,
your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Almighty God, good Father to us all,
your face is turned towards your world.

In love you gave us Jesus your Son
to rescue us from sin and death.

Your Word goes out to call us home
to the city where angels sing your praise.

We join with them in heaven's song:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Please sit

Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven.
To the darkness Jesus came as your light.
With signs of faith and words of hope
he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.
This is his story.

This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest.

The crowds came out to see your Son,
yet at the end they turned on him.
On the night he was betrayed
he came to table with his friends
to celebrate the freedom of your people.
This is his story.

This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest.

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
This is my body, given for you all.
Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
he took the cup, gave it and said:
This is my blood, shed for you all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.
This is our story.

This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate the cross
on which he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.
This is our story.

This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest.

Send your Spirit on us now
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.
May we and all who share this food
offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven
where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

Blessing and honour and glory and power

**be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Jesus says, I am the bread of life, whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

All **Lord, our hearts hunger for you; give us this bread always.**

AGNUS DEI

All **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us peace.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

If you are making a spiritual communion (i.e. not receiving in person) you may wish to say the prayer below:

[In union, O Lord with the faithful at every altar of your Church,
where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated,
I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving.
I present to you my soul and body with the wish
that they may always be united to you.

And since I cannot now receive you in this sacrament,
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.
I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul.
Let nothing ever separate you from me.
May I live and die in your love. Amen.]

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

NOTICES

All Almighty God,
**We give you thanks and praise for our life together.
Fill us all Good Lord, with your Spirit of Love
and as you have fed us with the bread of heaven,
so make us one in hearts and mind,
in Jesus Christ our lord.
Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

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

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
All **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

With the risen life of Christ within you,
go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

NOTICES

Thank you to all those who joined us for our Annual Meeting.
The results of the elections are as follows:

Churchwardens: Jane Harwood and Asela Premachandra (Prem)

Deputy Churchwardens: Cynthia Hoggett, Mandy Hodgson, Ray Hotson and Dorothy Dexter

PCC members: Newly elected: Shaun Hooper, Will Daniel, Tony Hipkins, Helen Lewis.

Serving for a further term: John Coggin, Muriel Smith, Sally Green, Dorothy Dexter

Deanery Synod Reps: Karen Randell and Denis Tully

Ex Officio: Jane Harwood, Asela Premachandra, Susi Artis (LLM), Rev David Jones

Services and events this week

Monday 3rd May 6pm	Zoom Evening Prayer
Tuesday 4th May 10am	Morning Prayer Live streamed on our You Tube Channel
Wednesday 5th May 11am 6pm	Zoom coffee Zoom Evening Prayer
Thursday 6th May 10 am	Morning Prayer Live streamed on our You Tube channel
Sunday 9th May 10am	Parish Eucharist Join us in person or on our You Tube Channel followed by Zoom coffee at 11.30

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