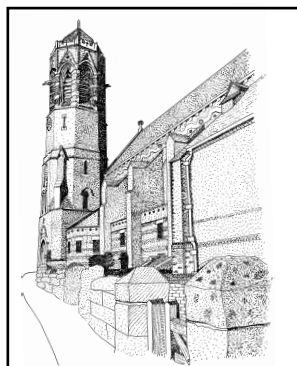


St John's, Pevensey Road



*Sunday 10th May
Fifth Sunday of Easter*

Pews News & Service Sheet

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People for whom our prayers are asked:

Arlene, Ian, Amber, Pauline, Sally, Tracy, Agatha, Jude, Diane,
Clare & Luke & family, Shane & Toni, Lize, Sarah, Marie, Clive & Pauline, Michael,
Henry, and David.

Please pray also for...

...the repose of the souls of the recently departed, especially Rosemary Brandt

... those whose Years Minds fall around this time, especially
Beattie McNulty, Ernest Nunes, and Robin Allcorn



...and all who mourn.

This is CHRISTIAN AID WEEK.

We hope you are well and staying safe in these unpredictable times.

Christian Aid week this year is between the 10th - 16th May.

As we can't be in church to donate to our brothers and sisters in Christ who suffer from climate change, poverty and now the Coronavirus pandemic, would you please consider making a donation?

We do understand that some of us at St John's are undergoing financial hardship in the present crisis and will not be able to contribute. But many of us are not financially disadvantaged by it.

If you can help please send a cheque made out to St John's PCC to the Rectory, 53, Brittany Road, TN38 0RD marked Christian Aid on the reverse. Fr David will then bank them and send the total to Christian Aid on our behalf.

Any amount will be much appreciated and will make a difference.

Thank you and God be with you,
St John's Christian Aid team.

Mass for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

The Greeting

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Prayer of Confession

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.

**All Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence,
through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son
Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

The priest says the 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.

The Gloria in Excelsis is said:

**All 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 sin 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

Prayer for the Day - The Collect

Let us pray:

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.

All Amen.

A reading from the book of Genesis

Genesis 8.1-19

But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and all the domestic animals that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind blow over the earth, and the waters subsided; the fountains of the deep and the windows of the heavens were closed, the rain from the heavens was restrained, and the waters gradually receded from the earth. At the end of one hundred and fifty days the waters had abated; and in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat. The waters continued to abate until the tenth month; in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains appeared.

At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still

on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more.

In the six hundred and first year, in the first month, on the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and saw that the face of the ground was drying. In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. Then God said to Noah, 'Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh – birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth – so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.' So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives. And every animal, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out of the ark by families.

For the Word of the Lord
All Thanks be to God

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 7.55-60

Standing before the high priest and the council, Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

For the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Hymn

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in the believer's ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our
wounds,
and drives away our fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,
and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary rest.

Dear name! the rock on which I build,
my shield and hiding-place,
my never ending treasury filled
with boundless stores of grace.

Jesus! my shepherd, brother, friend,
my prophet, priest, and King,
my Lord, my life, my way, my end,
accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart,
and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.

Till then would I thy love proclaim
with every fleeting breath;
and may the music of thy name
refresh my soul in death.

John Newton (1725-1807) alt.

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the first and the last,
says the Lord, and the living one;
I was dead, and behold I am alive
for evermore.

All Alleluia

The Lord be with you

All And also with you

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to John

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in

the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and
the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is
worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the
Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and
apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the
dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Jesus, our exalted Lord, has been
given all authority.
Let us seek his intercession
that our prayers may be perfected by
his prayer.

Jesus Christ, great high priest,
living for ever to intercede for us,
pray for the Church, your broken body
in the world ...

Lord, hear us.
All Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus Christ, King of righteousness,
enthroned at the right hand of the
majesty on high,
pray for the world, and make it
subject to your gentle rule ...

Lord, hear us.
All Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus Christ, Son of Man,
drawing humanity into the life of God,
pray for your sisters and brothers in need,
distress, or sorrow ...

Lord, hear us.
All Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus, pioneer of our salvation,
bringing us to glory through your death
and resurrection,
surround with your saints and angels
those who have died trusting your
promises ...

Lord, hear us.
All Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus Christ, Lord over all things,
ascended far above the heavens and
filling the universe,
pray for us who receive the gifts you give
us for work in your service ...

Lord, hear us.
All Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus Christ,
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to
worship at your feet;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
All Amen.

The Peace *is introduced*

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 Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We may exchange a sign of peace

Offertory Hymn

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

This musical system is for a piano accompaniment. It features a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp) and common time. The melody is in the treble staff, with lyrics written below it. The bass staff provides harmonic support with chords and single notes. The lyrics are: 'Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.'

Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart!

This musical system continues the hymn. It starts with a measure rest in the treble staff, indicated by a '5' above the staff. The melody continues in the treble staff with the lyrics: 'Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart!'. The bass staff continues with harmonic accompaniment. The system ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Preparation of the Table

Creator of all,
you wash away our sins,
you give us new birth by the Spirit,
and redeem us in the blood of Christ.

As we celebrate the resurrection,
renew your gift of life within us.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

All Amen.

*The president takes the bread
and wine.*

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here

All His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you
thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
and in these days of Easter
to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.
For by the mystery of his passion
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death
and hell
and restored in men and women
the image of your glory.
He has placed them once more in
paradise
and opened to them the gate of life
eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with
gladness,
while angels and archangels
and the powers of all creation
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

**All 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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the
source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your
Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of
our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was
betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his
disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is
given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you
thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new
covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:
**All Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of Saint John the Evangelist, Saint Peter, Mary the Mother of God, and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours,
almighty Father, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Raised again with Christ in the power of the Spirit, we pray:

**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

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many,
we are one body,
because we all share
in one bread.**

Agnus Dei is said:

**All Jesus, Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us
Jesus, bearer of our sins,
Have mercy on us
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
Grant us peace**

Giving of Communion

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Communion is received



Prayer after Communion

*The priest prays the Post
Communion for the day:*

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.

All Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off,
you met us in your Son
and brought us home.

Dying and living,
he declared your love,
gave us grace,
and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body
live his risen life;
we who drink his cup
bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights
give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have
set before us, so we and all your
children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise
your name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Notices

The Blessing

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.

O perfect redemption,
the purchase of blood!
To every believer
the promise of God;
the vilest offender
who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus
a pardon receives.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!...

Great things he hath taught us,
great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing
through Jesus the Son:
but purer and higher
and greater will be
our wonder, our transport,
when Jesus we see!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!...

Fanny J. Crosby (1820-1915)

Final hymn

To God be the glory!
great things he hath done!
So loved he the world
that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life
an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate
that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father
through Jesus the Son;
and give him the glory,
great things he hath done!*

Dismissal

Priest The Lord be with you
All And also with you

Go in the the peace of Christ.
Alleluia, alleluia
All Thanks be to God.
Alleluia, alleluia.

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