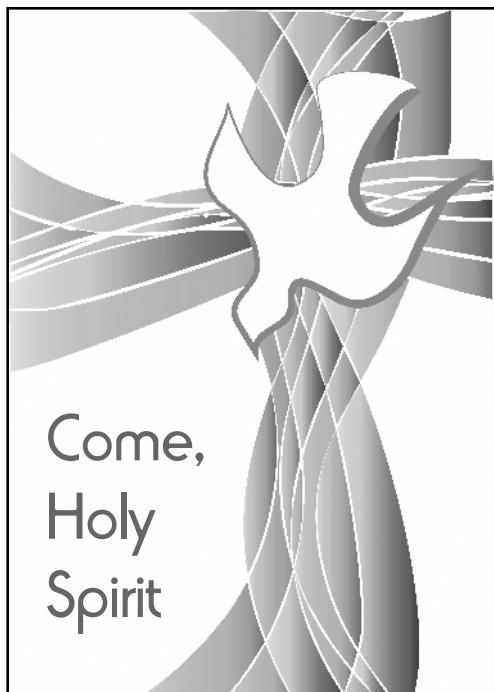


St John's,
Pevensey Road

Sunday 24th May:
The Seventh Sunday
of Easter

*Sunday after
Ascension Day*



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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, Clive & Pauline,
Michael, Henry, and David.

Please pray also for...

...the repose of the souls of the recently departed, especially
Rosemary Brandt, Margaret Hartley, and Rev'd Wallace Boulton,

... those whose Years Minds fall around this time, especially
Robin Allcorn, Simon Counsell, Marjorie Fibbens, and Leslie Sheppard,

...and all who mourn.

Mass for the Seventh 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!

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.

Prayer of Confession

What God has prepared for those
who love him,
he has revealed to us through the Spirit;
for the Spirit searches everything.
Therefore, let us in penitence
open our hearts to the Lord,
who has prepared good things
for those who love him.

**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 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, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power
and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your
peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

All Amen.

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel

Ezekiel 36.24-28

Thus says the Lord GOD: I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

For the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 1.6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

For the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Hymn

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
the prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
the weary find eternal rest,
and all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honours to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the long Amen.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of
your faithful people
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

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.

John 17.1-11

Jesus looked up to heaven and said,
'Father, the hour has come; glorify your
Son so that the Son may glorify you,
since you have given him authority over
all people, to give eternal life to all
whom you have given him. And this is
eternal life, that they may know you, the
only true God, and Jesus Christ whom
you have sent. I glorified you on earth
by finishing the work that you gave me
to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your
own presence with the glory that I had in
your presence before the world existed.

'I have made your name known to those
whom you gave me from the world.
They were yours, and you gave them to
me, and they have kept your word. Now
they know that everything you have
given me is from you; for the words that
you gave to me I have given to them,
and they have received them and know
in truth that I came from you; and they
have believed that you sent me. I am
asking on their behalf; I am not asking
on behalf of the world, but on behalf of
those whom you gave me, because they
are yours. All mine are yours, and yours
are mine; and I have been glorified in
them. And now I am no longer in the
world, but they are in the world, and I
am coming to you. Holy Father, protect
them in your name that you have given
me, so that they may be one, as we are
one.'

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 un-
der 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

In the power of the Spirit and in union with
Christ, let us pray to the Father.

Lord, as your Son has ascended,
let us not be weighed down by sin,
but look to him who has brought us
everlasting glory, and now reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit in your Kingdom for
ever. Amen.

Risen and ascended Lord, come among us.

All Fill us with your glory.

Deliver your church from the evil one.
Destroy the works of darkness,
and help us to walk as children of the light,
that we may proclaim you as King of Kings
and Lord of Lords.

Risen and ascended Lord, come among us.

All Fill us with your glory.

Deliver your creation from corruption.
Free us from the powers of evil.
Bring us into the glorious liberty of the
children of God, that the kingdoms of the
world may become the Kingdom of God.
Risen and ascended Lord, come among us.

All Fill us with your glory.

Vanquish our emptiness and confusion.
Free us from hard-heartedness,
that our homes may be uplifted,
that our hearts may be raised.
Risen and ascended Lord, come among us.

All Fill us with your glory.

That the despairing and discouraged may find hope,
that the downtrodden may rise to new freedoms,
that the downcast may be lifted up,
that the weak, the ill, and the dying, may be given hope, courage and strength...
Risen and ascended Lord, come among us.

All Fill us with your glory.

That all may, in heart and mind, ascend
and experience your power and your glory,
that we may rejoice with our loved ones
who are in the fullness of your Kingdom...
Risen and ascended Lord, come among us.

All Fill us with your glory.

Merciful Father,

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

The Peace *is introduced*

God has made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. 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.



Preparation of the Table

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this
bread to set before you,
which earth has given and human hands
have made.

It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine
to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human
hands.

It will become for us the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

*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,

holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For he is our great high priest
who has entered once for all
into the heavenly sanctuary,
evermore to pour upon your Church
the grace and comfort of your Holy Spirit.
He is the one who has gone before us,
who calls us to be united in prayer
as were his disciples in the upper room

while they awaited his promised gift,
the life-giving Spirit of Pentecost.

Therefore all creation yearns with
eager longing
as angels and archangels sing the
endless hymn of praise:

**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

Looking for the coming of his kingdom,
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

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, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us
into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we
proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 Spirit of truth lead you into all
truth,
give you grace to confess that Jesus
Christ is Lord,
and strengthen you to proclaim the
word and works of God;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy
Spirit,
be among you and remain with you
always.

All Amen.

Final hymn

Come down, O love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing:
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till he become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

Italian, Bianco da Siena (d. 1434) tr. R.F.Littledale (1833-90)

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.