

5th Sunday of Easter 15th May Family Eucharist

Setting: Mathias

Introit A New Commandment – Nardone

Hymn 140 Christ is alive!

Hymn 455 Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer

John 13. 31-35 Lisa Meakin

Sermon Rev D Loveridge

Intercessions Nerine Chalmers

Hymn 311 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour

Communion: Ubi Caritas – Duruflé Where charity and love are, God is there. Christ's love has gathered us into one. Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him. Let us fear, and let us love the living God. And may we love each other with a sincere heart.



Organ Acclamation – Christ the Victor – Langlais

THE NOTICES

Today 6.30 pm Choral Compline

Monday 16th

6.30 pm Fellowship & Discussion Group The Group will be continuing to share some of John Bell's contributions to Thought for the Day. Everyone is most welcome to join us. Please speak to Fiona, Verity, Julia or Nerine for more detail,

Tuesday 17th

11.00 am Morning Prayer on Zoom

Wednesday 18th

12.00 noon for 1.00 pm Soundbites Jonathan Lilley – Organ

Thursday 19th (Dunstan)

11.00 amMorning Prayer in Church7.30 pmAll Saints Art in Church

Friday 20th (Alcuin) 5.30 pm Choir Practices in Church

Saturday 21st (Helena) 10.30 am Plant Sale & Coffee Morning

Sunday 22nd Sixth Sunday of Easter

10.00 am Parish Communion and Civic Service6.30 pm Choral Evensong

THE PRAYERS

The Sick Isabel Hurley Rev Sally Dryden

Kathleen Gosby

The Departed

Ted Nourse – Funeral 25/5 14.30 at St Albans Cathedral

Year's Mind

Mollie Warner Harry Archer John Feherty Ann Seward Doris Davis Olive Wright Jack Durrant Margaret (Peggy) Osbourne John Seward





Collect

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.

Acts 11.1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. 6As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." ⁸But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning.¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

Revelation 21.1-6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

> 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.'

5 And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' ⁶Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

John 13.31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

Post Communion Collect

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.

