



7th Sunday of Easter 29th May

Parish Communion

Setting: *Mathias*

Introit Let my prayer come up - *Blow*

Hymn 163 All hail the power of Jesu's name

Acts 16 16-34 Rosemary Graves

Revelation 22. 12-14, 16-17, 20-end
Verity Tranter

Hymn 167 Hail the day that sees him rise
(vv1-3, 6)

John 17. 20-end Kay Povey-Richards

Sermon The Vicar

Intercessions Dorothy Toyn

Hymn 278 Alleluia, sing to Jesus

Communion: Non vos relinquam – *Byrd*
I will not leave you comfortless. Alleluia.
I go, and I will come to you. Alleluia.
And your heart shall rejoice. Alleluia.

Hymn:

1 What a friend we have in Jesus,

THE NOTICES

Today 6.30 pm A service of Night Prayer with hymns for Ascensiontide

Tuesday 31st (Visit of BVM to Elizabeth)
11.00 am Morning Prayer on Zoom

JUNE Wednesday 1st (Justin)
12.00 noon for 1.00 pm Soundbites
Magdalene Ho - *Piano*

Friday 3rd
5.30 pm Choral Concert for Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Saturday 4th
6.00 pm Concert by Hertfordshire Festival Orchestra

Sunday 5th Pentecost
8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Jubilee Family Eucharist
4.30 pm Jubilee Tea
6.30 pm Taizé Service with hymns for Pentecost

all our sins and griefs to bear!
what a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!

- 2 Have we trials and temptations,
is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged:
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness:
take it to the Lord in prayer.
- 3 Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Jesus is our only refuge:
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do your friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
in his arms he'll take and shield thee,
thou will find a solace there.

Organ Outburst of Joy (Ascension) - *Messiaen*

THE PRAYERS

The Sick

Isabel Hurley Kathleen Gosby
Rev Sally Dryden Thelma Proctor

The Departed

Ted Nourse

Year's Mind

Susan Carter Emily Dyke

Jubilee Tea - Sunday 5 June in church at 4:30.

We will gather for tea and cake to celebrate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee, and to take a trip down memory lane through the 70 years of her reign. There will also be a chance to see the Maundy Money purses and to learn about the Queen's role in that.

For anyone who wishes to stay on there will be a Taizé service at 6.30

All welcome!

Collect

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ
is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Acts 16. 16-34

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' ¹⁸She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹ But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. ²⁰When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' ²²The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' ²⁹The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' ³¹They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' ³²They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and

his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Revelation 22. 12-14, 16-17, 20-end

'See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.'

¹⁴ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

¹⁶ 'It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.'

¹⁷ The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.'

And let everyone who hears say, 'Come.'

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

²⁰ The one who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.'

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

John 17. 20-end

'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵ 'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

Post Communion Collect

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.