



Parish of St Mary the Virgin
East Grinstead

The 5th Sunday of Easter
28th April 2024

Organ Prelude: Andantino quasi allegretto (Symphony 5) Widor

Setting: Mass of St Thomas Thorne

A bell is rung and the congregation stand and face the back of church.

During Eastertide, the penitential rite takes the form of sprinkling with the waters of baptism, blessed by Fr Adam at our Easter Vigil. The altar party, servers and choir enter church through the main doors, where the celebrant, dressed in cope, prays this prayer.

The Easter Sprinkling Rite

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

All: He is risen indeed, Alleluia, Alleluia

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.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us praise the Lord our God for this water he has created, and which will be sprinkled on us as a memorial of our Baptism. May he help us by his grace to remain faithful to the Spirit we have received.

Let us pray

Father, God of mercy, through these waters of baptism you have filled us with new life as your very own children. From all who are baptised in water and the Holy Spirit, you have formed one people, united in your Son Jesus Christ. You have set us free and filled our hearts with the Spirit of your love, that we may live in your peace.

You call those who have been baptised to announce the Good News of Jesus Christ to people everywhere. We pray, that by the mystery of this consecrated water we may be reminded of our new and spiritual birth in baptism through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Processional Hymn

384 *Jesus my Lord my God my all*

The entrance procession and entrance hymn then begin as usual. The priest sprinkles the people as he makes his way to the sanctuary.

When the hymn has finished and the clergy have returned to their place, the priest prays this prayer.

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Gloria in Excelsis

Bells may be rung during the gloria:

All: Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.

**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.**

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.

**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.**

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.

**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.**

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.

The 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.

All: Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Acts 9:26-31

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus. The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

R: You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.

They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.

May their hearts live for ever and ever! ***R***

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,

all families of the nations worship before him;

They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;

before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. ***R***

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.

They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,

declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:

‘These things the Lord has done.’ ***R***

Second Reading

1 John 3:18-24

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand

All: Alleluia, alleluia!

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.

All: Alleluia!

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

All: Glory to you O Lord

Gospel

John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they

are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

On Sundays and Principal Holy Days ALL STAND to recite the Nicene Creed

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.

All bow for these words

Who 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

The intercessions may end with:

Hail Mary, Full of Grace, The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus. Holy Mary mother of God pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. Amen

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

Please stand (if able)

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **and also with you.**

The deacon or priest then says:

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All exchange a brief sign of peace with those nearest you.

Offertory Hymn

310 We hail thy presence glorious.

Pray, dear friends, that this my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

All: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Holy Church.**

Prayer Over the Gifts

O God, who by the wonderful exchange effected in this sacrifice have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead, grant, we pray, that, as we have come to know your truth, we may make it ours by a worthy way of life.

Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The priest says or sings:

The Lord be with you *All* **and also with you**

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.**

The priest begins the prayer. After the preface all respond with:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest

Please kneel or sit.

The prayer continues until this acclamation is used:

Great is the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

At the end of The Eucharistic Prayer all respond boldly: All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

The Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

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.

The Giving of Holy Communion

The priest invites people to communion with these or similar words:

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blesséd are those who are called to his supper.

All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

Communion Antiphon

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

*If you receive communion in any church, you are welcome to do so here. If you would like to receive a blessing, please bring this order of service with you, and bow your head. Intinction (dipping the Host into the Precious Blood) is performed by the priest/ eucharistic minister **only**.*

Communion Anthem

Rejoice in the Lord Always *Purcell*

Communion Hymn

281 Draw nigh and take the body of the Lord

Prayer after Communion

Please stand (if able)

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life.

Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

The Notices

Please sit

The Blessing and Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The blessing is given.

With the risen life of Christ within you, go in the peace of Christ.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Recessional hymn

486 We have gospel to proclaim

The altar party and choir gather around the image of Our Lady, as we sing.

Regina Cæli

Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven, alleluia.
He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia.
As he promised, hath arisen, alleluia.
Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia.

V Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R **For the Lord has risen indeed, alleluia.**

O God, by the Resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, you have brought joy to the whole world: grant that, by the help of his mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life; through Christ the Lord.

R **Amen**

Organ Voluntary: Allegro Vivace (Symphony 5) Widor

Events & Services

Tuesday

Funeral 1pm Joyce Stevens

Thursday

Mass 10am

(followed by fresh coffee in the vestry)

Sunday

Said Mass 8am,

(Every week)

Parish Mass 10am

(followed by Coffee & Chat in the Parish Hall.)

First Sunday in the Month is Family Mass at 11am

Next Sunday, 5th May is a Family Mass

Intercessions

We pray for God's blessing on the life of our church and upon the other congregations of our town.

Hope Church

We pray for: All who live in Blunt Ave, St Edward's Clo, Lodge Clo, Crescent Rd, Grosvenor Rd.

Please pray for those in need of healing: Isabel Orton, Jean Searles, David Tass, Jorgie, Margaret Barnett, Karen Wilson, Timothy, John Railton, Benedict Wogan, Alan Gibbons.

Please pray for all the departed

Recently: Joyce Stevens

Anniversary: Ivy Denman, Molly Milam, Peter Stevens, Sheila Poore, Alice Ransom, Betty Knott, Barry Breeze, Alasdair Penny

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Notices

Annual Parochial Church Meeting and Election of Church Wardens and PCC members will be held following Mass on the 19th of May. Nomination forms are at the back of church.

Electoral Roll. Our electoral roll is in the process of being reviewed. If you are new to St Mary's within the last year, or have not yet completed an electoral roll form, then please do so. The deadline is Sunday 5th May.

Coffee Morning As part of our fundraising for Christian Aid week we are organising a Coffee morning on Monday May 13th at 10.30am till 12noon. Please support this and bring your friends £5.00 for as much coffee as you can drink and cake. If you can make a cake, please let Anne or Karen know.

Joyce Steven's Funeral service will take place in church on the 30th April at 1pm.

There is an online form at www.startouch.co.uk/joycefurinalRSVP to help estimate numbers for the funeral and for the reception. Please respond asap.

Anyone not comfortable with using an online form can contact: jonathan.stevens@blueyonder.co.uk 07765 257 671

For more information please go to the Ballard and Shortall webpage: www.cpifield.co.uk/services/423651

The service can be watched online live at <https://funeral-av.co.uk/joyce-marion-stevens-tuesday-30th-april-2024>. This is live now, for you to check you can reach it. Many thanks JS

Baptism Please pray for those preparing to receive the Sacrament of Baptism in our parish;

16th June - Benedict Charles Magnus Wogan

30th June - Penelope Mary Grace Smith

Please come and support the candidates and their families on these special days.

Thy Kingdom Come 9th -19th May 2024

This event has been running every year since 2016. It invites Christians to pray for 5 people, whom they know, to choose to ask Jesus to be their Saviour. The dates chosen are the 10 days between Jesus Ascension (9th May) and Pentecost (19th May), when God's Holy Spirit was poured out on the disciples. CTEG has invited all churches to hold prayer meetings during these 10 days to which other Christians are invited. There is on Sunday 12th May a Joint Service at 6pm at St John's Felbridge. People can access daily prayers by going to the TKC web site www.thykingdomcome.global

Please put the dates in your diary and prepare to take part.

John Starling (CTEG secretary)

Plant Sale. Our plant sale is less than a month away.

On the day lots of help will be needed to set up, run stalls and clear up. We will also need offers of cakes for refreshment, (alongside Fr Adam's scrumptious Bacon rolls) or would you consider sponsoring a tray of bedding plants for £20? Please speak to Diane, Anne or Andrew with offers or sponsorship.

Garden Paraphernalia

As spring approaches and you are moved to tidy out your sheds and garages, please don't throw out old tools, pots, garden related stuff and bric a brac. I will almost certainly be able to sell these things on my garden paraphernalia stall at the plant sale! David (07973795626)


ST MARY'S CHURCH EAST GRINSTEAD

Plant Sale

Saturday 11th May
10:30am - 1:30pm

SHRUBS, PERENNIALS, ANNUALS,
VEGETABLES, HERBS, PLANTERS,
HOUSEPLANTS, REFRESHMENTS,
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