



Parish of St Mary the Virgin  
East Grinstead

**The Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**Family Service**  
**5<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

*Organ Prelude: Adagio (Symphony 5) Widor*

*Setting: Coventry Gloria, Gathering Mass*

*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***

### ***LHON 200 Christ triumphant***

*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.*

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

### ***Gloria in Excelsis***

*Bells may be rung during the gloria:*

*Choir:* Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth.

*All:* **Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth.**

*Choir:* Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

*All:* **Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth.**

*Choir:* we worship you;

*All:* **glory in the highest**

*Choir:* give you thanks,

*All:* **glory in the highest**

*Choir:* praise you for your glory.

*All:* **Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth.**

*Choir:* 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.

*All:* **have mercy on us**

*Choir:* you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

*All:* **receive our prayer.**

*Choir:* Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth.

*All:* **Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth.**

*Choir:* 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 glory of God the Father.

*All:* **Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth.**

*Choir:* Amen, amen

## *The Collect*

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our 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*

### *Reading*

*1 John 4:7-10*

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

This is the word of the Lord.

*All: Thanks be to God*

### *Responsorial Psalm*

**R: The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.**

Sing a new song to the Lord  
for he has worked wonders.  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have brought salvation. **R**

The Lord has made known his salvation;  
has shown his justice to the nations.  
He has remembered his truth and love  
for the house of Israel. **R**  
All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.  
Shout to the Lord, all the earth,  
ring out your joy. **R**

## ***Gospel Acclamation***

*Please stand*

*All: Alleluia, alleluia!*

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.

*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: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me: no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.

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 Creed*

*All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.*

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. 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***

**LHON 353** I danced in the morning

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***

May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord, together with the sacrificial offerings, so that, purified by your graciousness, we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty love.

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 in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**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)***

*Choir:* Jesus Lamb of God the word made flesh: Jesus Son of God  
come down on earth:

*All:* **Hear our prayer have mercy, hear our prayer have mercy,  
give us your peace.**

*Choir:* Jesus King of glory, Prince of Peace: Jesus shining in our  
darkened world:

*All:* **Hear our prayer have mercy, hear our prayer have mercy,  
give us your peace.**

*Choir:* Jesus King of angels Lord of joy: Jesus born to save the world  
from sin:

*All:* **Hear our prayer have mercy, hear our prayer have mercy,  
give us your 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***

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will  
ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with  
you for ever, 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***

**If ye love me** *Tallis*

## ***Communion Hymn***

**LHON 681 This is my body**

### ***Prayer after Communion***

*Please stand (if able)*

Almighty ever-living God, who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ, increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food.

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.*

May God, who by the Resurrection of his Only Begotten Son was pleased to confer on you the gift of redemption and of adoption, give you gladness by his blessing.

**Amen.**

May he, by whose redeeming work you have received the gift of everlasting freedom, make you heirs to an eternal inheritance.

**Amen.**

And may you, who have already risen with Christ in Baptism through faith, by living in a right manner on this earth be united with him in the homeland of heaven.

**Amen.**

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.

**Amen.**

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***

***LHON 678*** Thine be the glory



*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: Toccata Muschel*

**The flowers this week are in memory of Joyce Stevens**

**Intercessions**

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

West Street Baptist Church

**We pray for:** All who live in Silver Court, Stildon, Knowle House, Lingfield Lodge.

**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:**

**Anniversary:** Roger Castiglione

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## **Events & Services**

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

**The Ascension of the Lord**

***Said Mass 10am and sung at 7.30pm***

**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***

## Notices

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting** and Election of Church Wardens and PCC members will be held following Mass on the 19<sup>th</sup> of May. Nomination forms will be at the rear of church from next week.

**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 today**, Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May.

### **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](http://www.thykingdomcome.global)

Please put the dates in your diary and prepare to take part. **(14<sup>th</sup> May the TKC Mass with be at St Mary's at 7pm)**

John Starling (CTEG secretary)

**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.

### **Alzheimer's society sponsored walk.**

Steve Pond is taking part with nine members of his close family in Trek26. A 26-mile sponsored walk across central London to raise money for the Alzheimer's society. Steve's sponsorship form will be at the back of the church and in the hall afterwards also. All sponsorship of whatever amount is gratefully received for this very good cause.

**Plant Sale.** 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, 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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