



Parish of St Mary the Virgin
East Grinstead

The Ascension of the Lord
Thursday 9th May

Organ Prelude: Prière du Christ montant vers son Père Messaien

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

130 Hail the day that sees him rise

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.

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, 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

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens, so we in heart and mind may also ascend and with him continually dwell; 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 1:1-11

In my earlier work, *Theophilus*, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.' As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

R: God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. **R**

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R**

God is king of all the earth,
sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **R**

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:1-13

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all. Each one of us, however, has been given his own share of grace, given as Christ allotted it. It was said that he would: When he ascended to the height, he captured prisoners, he gave gifts to men. When it says, 'he ascended', what can it mean if not that he descended right down to the lower regions of the earth? The one who rose higher than all the heavens to fill all things is none other than the one who descended. And to some, his gift was that they should be apostles; to some, prophets; to some, evangelists; to some, pastors and teachers; so that the saints together make a unity in the work of service, building up the body of Christ. In this way we are all to come to unity in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God, until we become the perfect Man, fully mature with the fullness of Christ himself.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand

All: Alleluia, alleluia!

Go, make disciples of all the nations. I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.

All: Alleluia!

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

All: Glory to you O Lord

Gospel

Mark 16:15-20

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them: 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.' And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

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

217 Alleluia Sing to Jesus

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

We offer sacrifice now in supplication, O Lord, to honour the wondrous Ascension of your Son: grant, we pray, that through this most holy exchange we, too, may rise up to the heavenly realms. 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

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, 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

Lift up ye heads *Matthias*

Communion Hymn

128 Eternal Monarch, King most high

Prayer after Communion

Please stand (if able)

Almighty ever-living God, who allow those on earth to celebrate divine mysteries, grant, we pray, that Christian hope may draw us onward to where our nature is united with you.

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

134 The head that once was crowned with thorns.

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: March on theme by Handel *Guilmant*

Events & Services

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

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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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.

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.

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. **(14th May the TKC Mass with be at St Mary's at 7pm)**

John Starling (CTEG secretary)

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. Our plant sale just over a week 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,
GARDEN PARAPHERNALIA.

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