



Parish of St Mary the Virgin
East Grinstead

The Fourth Sunday of Easter
11th May 2025

Organ Prelude: Meditation on Brother James' Air *Darke*

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

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When the clergy have returned to their place, the priest prays this prayer.

Entrance Antiphon

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

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. Amen.***

The Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he 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 13:14, 43b-52

In those days: Paul and Barnabas went on from Perga and came to Antioch in Pisidia. And on the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. Many Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who, as they spoke with them, urged them to continue in the grace of God.

The next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord.

But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began to contradict what was spoken by Paul, reviling him. And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, 'It was necessary that the word of God be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it aside and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, "I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth." ' And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed. And the word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region. But the Jews incited the devout women of high standing and the leading men of the city, stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district. But they shook off the dust from their feet against them and went to Iconium. And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Response: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come before him, singing for joy. **R**

Know that he, the Lord, is God.

He made us, we belong to him,

We are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R**

Indeed, how good is the Lord,

Eternal his merciful love.

He is faithful from age to age. **R**

Second reading

Revelation 7:9, 13a, 14b-17

I, John, looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands.

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'

Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord. I know my sheep and my own know me.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

All: Glory to you O Lord

Gospel

John 10:27-30

At that time: Jesus said, 'My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you O Christ.

Sermon

Please sit

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

Please kneel or sit

Lord, hear us.

All: **Lord, graciously hear us**

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

The intercessions may end with:

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.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

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

Offertory Hymn (*A collection bag will be passed round for cash offerings or use QR code for digital gifts.*)



307 Sweet Sacrament divine

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

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries, so that the renewal constantly at work within us may be the cause of our unending joy.

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

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.

Though we are many, we are one Body, because we all share in one bread.

The Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins 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.

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.

Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

Communion Anthem

The Lord is my shepherd *Goodall*

Communion Hymn

457 The King of Love my shepherd is.

Prayer after Communion

Please stand (if able)

Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd, and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures the sheep you have redeemed by the Precious Blood of your Son. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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 Solemn 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

107 Good Christian men rejoice and sing

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: Te Deum *Langlais*

Intercessions

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

Trinity Methodist Church

We pray for: Overton Shaw, Browns Wood, Alders View Dr, Hillside Clo, Lambourn Clo.

Please pray for those in need of healing: Jorgie, Ian Lloyd, and Eileen Phillips.

Please pray for all the departed Recently: Fr John Gayford SSC, **Anniversary:** Guy Read, Angela Carter



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Notices

APCM Today following the Mass, please stay and thank, Father Adam and David, the Wardens and PCC members for their work over the past year and vote in those who have volunteered to carry us forward over the next year.

Father John Gayford SSC. Funeral here at St Mary's on June the 21st 11am. All are welcome to join us for the service and share fond memories in the Parish Hall following the service. Bring and Share lunch, please record on the sheet at the back of church what you will be bringing.

Working and Cleaning party 17th May, now that the weather is warmer, the weeds are growing faster, please come and help keep them under control. *David*

8th East Grinstead Beavers meet every Wednesday 6:15-7:15 at St Marys School Hall. For more information, please contact Tracey Williams (Team Leader) Tracy.Williams@egscouts.org.uk.

FSW Open Gardens – see poster on the notice board for details.

Christian aid week Sunday 11th May to 17th May. As we are not organising any fund raising events this year we are asking that you donate if you are able through our retiring collection or via the Christian Aid website at <https://give.christianaid.org.uk/donate/A002958>. where you will be able to Gift Aid your donation. This year Christian Aid are focusing on the poor of Burundi, where many are homeless and hungry.

Christian Aid Soup and Roll Lunch

Welcome café, Trinity Methodist church, RH19 2HA. Tuesday 13th May 12:30 – 2pm.

June Family Mass and Parish BBQ will be on the 8th June.



ST MARY'S CHURCH

PARISH BBQ

8TH JUNE, 2025

**FOLLOWING THE
FAMILY MASS**