

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 5 May 2024, I lam

Presider and Preacher:
The Revd Jennifer Midgley-Adam

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WELCOME

to all who are joining us today, whether in church or online.

For those with children you will find space in the north aisle where you will be able to see and participate in the whole service. You will find some activity sheets to enable you and any children you have brought with you to engage with our service. Please ask one of our friendly welcomers if you need anything before or during the service.

We will be taking a collection during the service, and we encourage those who are UK tax payers to use one of the gift aid envelopes which are available in the pews. This will increase the value of your gift by 25% at no extra cost to you.

You can also make a debit/credit card donation to All Hallows by using the donations machine at the back of the church, by using the QR code on your phone, or via our website at www.ahbtt.org.uk/donate

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Music before the Service

Fantazia of Foure Parts – Orlando Gibbons Organist: David Cook

The Gathering

Hymn

Please stand.

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; all laud we would render: O help us to see 'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

Walter Chalmers Smith 1824-1908 Tune: St Denio

Welcome and introduction

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Words of welcome and introduction are said.

Prayers of Confession

Please sit or kneel.

Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us. Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

Silence is kept.

Like Mary at the empty tomb, we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence. Lord have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Like the disciples behind locked doors, we are afraid to be seen as your followers. Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

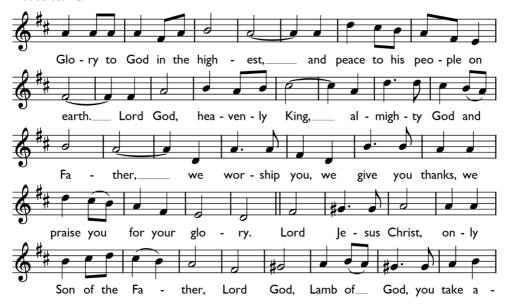
Like Thomas in the upper room, we are slow to believe. Lord, have mercy.

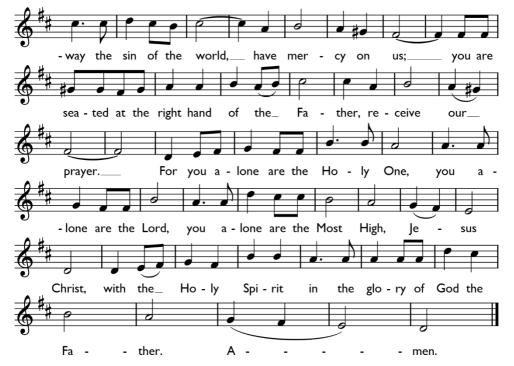
All Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Gloria
Please stand.





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.

Amen.

Please sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Acts 10.44-48

Read by Carole Bowring

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for

they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98



- I Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things.
- 2 His own right hand and his holy arm have won for him the victory. **R**/
- 3 The Lord has made known his salvation; his deliverance has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness towards the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. **R**/.
- 5 Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth; break into singing and make music.
- 6 Make music to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the voice of melody. **R**/
- With trumpets and the sound of the horn sound praises before the Lord, the King.
- 8 Let the sea thunder and all that fills it, the world and all that dwell upon it. **R**/
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands and let the hills ring out together before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world and the peoples with equity. **R**/

Second Reading | John 5.1-6

Read by Tilia Midgley-Adam

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love

the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading John 15.9-17

Please stand and face the Gospel.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Revd Jennifer Midgley-Adam

The Nicene Creed

Please stand.

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. 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.

Please sit or kneel.

Prayers of Intercession

Led by Szabina Soptei

Lord, in your mercy:

All hear our prayer.

At the end:

Merciful Father,

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

Please stand.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then they were glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you All and also with you. Alleluia.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

During the hymn a collection will be taken towards the ministry of this church. If you are a UK Tax Payer, you can increase the value of your gift by 25% by completing one of the Gift Aid envelopes which are available in the pews. Thank you.

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam:

O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heaven along, O praise him, alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice; ye lights of evening, find a voice:

Thou flowing water, pure and clear, make music for thy Lord to hear, Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou fire, so masterful and bright, that givest us both warmth and light:

Let all things their creator bless, and worship him in humbleness; O praise him, alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One:

William Henry Draper (1855–1933) based on St Francis Of Assisi (1182–1226) Tune: Lasst uns erfreuen

The Preparation of the Table

Creator of all, you wash away our sins, you give us new birth by the Spirit, and redeem us in the blood of Christ.
As we celebrate the resurrection, renew your gift of life within us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you All and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

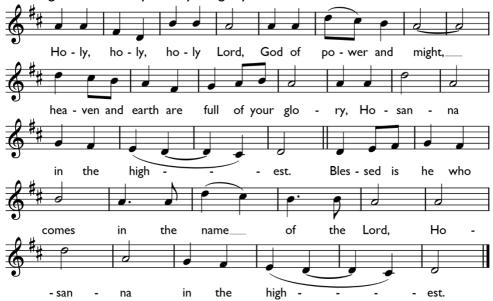
All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works. For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in men and women the image of your glory.

He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal. And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness, while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory:



Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of Mary and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us: Our Father, who art in heaven.

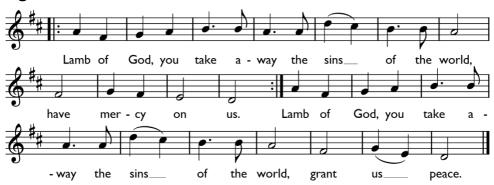
All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The 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.

Agnus Dei



Invitation to Communion

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Communicant members of all Christian churches are invited to receive Holy Communion at All Hallows. All others may come forward for a prayer of blessing - please indicate this by bowing your head.

Music During Communion

A Voluntary for the Two Diapasons - John Reading

Post-Communion Prayer

God our Father,

whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:

may we thirst for you,

the spring of life and source of goodness,

through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen.

All Almighty God,

we thank you for feeding us

with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice.

Send us out

in the power of your Spirit

to live and work

to your praise and glory.

Amen.

Notices

The Dismissal

Please stand.

Final Hymn

Rejoice, O land, in God thy might; his will obey, him serve aright; for thee the saints uplift their voice: fear not, O land, in God rejoice.

Glad shalt thou be, with blessing crowned, with joy and peace thou shalt abound; yea, love with thee shall make his home until thou see God's kingdom come.

He shall forgive thy sins untold: remember thou his love of old; walk in his way, his word adore, and keep his truth for evermore.

Robert Bridges 1844-1930 Tune: Wareham

The Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Music after the Service

Alleluya Festal Postlude on the tune 'Lasst uns erfreuen' - William Faulkes

You are invited to stay for refreshments after the service.

Notices

Ascension Day: Beating the Bounds and Choral Evensong Thursday 9 May, from 4pm

Our annual Ascension Day celebrations will take place on Thursday 9 May. We will be Beating the Bounds from 4.15pm, when we walk around and pray over the parish boundary. This will be followed by a service of Choral Evensong at 6pm with the choir of St Dunstan's College. All are welcome.

Christian Aid Freedom Walk and Christian Aid Week 12.30pm, Saturday 11 May until 18 May 2024

To kick off Christian Aid Week, Christian Aid are running a sponsored walk through London helping to bring attention to and fight against poverty and injustice. The walk will start with a service of blessing at All Hallows, and will follow a 5km route ending with Evensong at St Paul's Cathedral. Sign up at freedomwalk2024.eventbrite.co.uk. This will be followed by Christian Aid Week from 12-18 May. On Christian Aid Sunday (12 May) our offering will be given to support the work of Christian Aid.

Katherine Hedderly's Installation as Archdeacon of Charing Cross 3pm, Sunday 19 May

On Sunday 19th May our previous Vicar, Katherine Hedderly, will be installed as Archdeacon of Charing Cross at St Paul's Cathedral in the 3pm service of at Choral Evensong. This service is open to the public, no tickets required.

Looking Closer, Looking Deeper Episode 4

Join Adey Grummet and our team of guides as they tell the stories and explore the life of All Hallows. Episode four is available now: *Burnishing Memory: Monumental Brasses*.

To listen, go to: www.spotify.com and search 'All Hallows by the Tower'.

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The Week Ahead

Church Opening Times

Monday-Friday: 8am-5pm Saturday-Sunday: 10am-5pm

Services at All Hallows

You are welcome to join us for any of our services in church. Our Sunday Eucharist and Taizé services are streamed on Zoom.

Monday 6 May

Church closed – bank holiday

Tuesday 7 May

8.30am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 8 May

8.30am Morning Prayer 6pm Taizé Prayer

Thursday 9 May

8.30am Said Eucharist
6pm Choral Evensong

Friday 10 May

8.30am Morning Prayer

Saturday II May

No services today

Sunday 12 May: The Seventh Sunday of Easter

10am Said Eucharist; Preacher: The Rt Revd David Urquhart

Taizé Prayer - Wednesdays at 6pm

Our weekly Taizé service takes place in church and online. You are welcome to join us for this meditative time of prayer, music and reflection. If you can't attend in person and would like to join us online, you can view the livestream at ahbtt.org.uk/livestream.

Zoom links are included in our weekly email, but if you would like a link for a particular service or event please email **parish@ahbtt.org.uk**.

Weekly Email

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Byward Kitchen & Bar

The Byward Kitchen is open for drinks, meals and light refreshments from 9am-3.30pm, with indoor and outdoor seating available.

bywardkitchenandbar.com

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