



✠ GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY ✠

OPENING SENTENCE

PSALM-PRAYER: **PSALM 148**

Priest

Blessed are you, Lord our God, creator of heaven and earth; you open our eyes to see the wonders around us, and our hearts and mouths to praise you. Now give us strength for loving service, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

HYMN *Praise to the holiest in the height*

GERONTIUS

1 Praise to the Ho liest in the height,
and in the depth be praise,
in all his words most won der - ful,
most sure in all his ways.

2 O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.

3 O wisest love! that flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe,
should strive and should prevail;

4 and that a higher gift than grace
should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence, and his very self,
and essence all-divine.

5 O generous love! that he who smote
in Man for man the foe,
the double agony in Man
for man should undergo;

6 and in the garden secretly,
and on the cross on high,
should teach his brethren, and inspire
to suffer and to die.

7 Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise,
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

GREETING

Priest

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May his grace and peace be with you.

May he fill our hearts with joy.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Priest

Almighty God

People

unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Priest

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

People

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

MERBECKE

Priest

Glory be to God on high,

People

and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly king, God the Father almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

Priest

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

✠ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✠

FIRST LESSON *Acts 11.1–18*

Lector

A Reading from the Book of Acts.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when

Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with

them?” ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw fourfooted animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ ⁸But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Cæsarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People Thanks be to God.

These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

PSALM 148 *Laudate Dominum*

Chant: SIR DAVID WILLCOCKS (1919–2015)

- O** praise the Lord of heaven :
 praise him in the height.
 2 Praise him, all ye angels of his :
 praise him, all his host.
 3 Praise him, sun and moon :
 praise him, all ye stars and light.
 4 Praise him, all ye heavens :
 and ye waters that are above the heavens.
 5 Let them praise the Name of the Lord :
 for he spake the word, and they were made;
 he commanded, and they were created.
 6 He hath made them fast for ever and ever :
 he hath given them a law which shall not be broken.
 7 Praise the Lord upon earth :
 ye dragons, and all deeps;
 8 Fire and hail, snow and vapours :
 wind and storm, fulfilling his word;
 9 Mountains and all hills :
 fruitful trees and all cedars;

- 10 Beasts and all cattle :
worms and feathered fowls;
- 11 Kings of the earth and all people :
princes and all judges of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens, old men and children, praise the Name of the Lord :
for his Name only is excellent, and his praise above heaven and earth.
- 13 He shall exalt the horn of his people; all his saints shall praise him :
even the children of Israel, even the people that serveth him.

✠Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be;
world without end. Amen.

SECOND LESSON *Revelation 21.1–6*

Lector A Reading from the Book of Revelation to John.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he will wipe every

tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.” ⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

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People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL *from the Psalms*

Chant: HERBERT HOWELLS (1892–1983)

O Lord deal not with us after our sins :
nor reward us according to our wickednesses.

Lord remember not our old sins, but have mercy upon us and that soon :
for we are come to great misery.

Help us O God of our salvation :
for the glory of thy name O Lord :

O deliver us and be merciful unto our sins :
for thy Name's sake.

GOSPEL *St. John 13.31–35*

Gospeler The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Gospeler ✠✠✠The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

People Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now

I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Gospeler The Gospel of Christ.
People Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

HOMILY

NICENE CREED

Priest I believe in one God,
People **the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God, of God; Light, of Light; very God, of very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father; through whom all things were made: who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the ✠resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Priest Let us humbly confess our sins to almighty God.
People **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things and judge of all people: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word and deed, Against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Priest

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: ✠have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People

Amen.

THE PEACE

Priest

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And with thy Spirit.

✠ CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST ✠

OFFERTORY HYMN *For the beauty of the earth*

ENGLAND'S LANE

1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the glo-ry of the skies,
for the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sac-ri-fice of praise.

- 2 For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.
- 3 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.
- 4 For each perfect gift of thine
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

Priest Gracious God, you show us your way and give us your divine life. May everything we do be directed by the knowledge of your truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A - *Proper Preface of Easter*

Priest The Lord be with you;
People **And with thy Spirit.**

Lift up your hearts;
We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;
It is meet and right so to do.

Priest It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, creator and preserver of all things. But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee and saying:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

MERBECKE

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory:
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.
✠Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord;
Hosanna in the highest,**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A (*con't*)

Priest Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee, almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again. Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake 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." Likewise after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all, of this; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye

shall drink it, in remembrance of me.” Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy bread of eternal life and the cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded:

People We praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee, and we pray to thee, Lord our God.

Priest And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, ✠by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

LORD’S PRAYER

Priest And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

People 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

People We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his blood, That we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.

FRACTION ANTHEM *Agnus Dei (Addington Service)*

RICHARD SHEPHARD (1949–2021)

INVITATION

Priest The gifts of God for the People of God.

People Thanks be to God.

ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

SCHOLA ANTHEM *Ubi Caritas*

MAURICE DURUFLÉ (1902–1986)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

Priest God of love, in this eucharist we have heard your truth and shared in your life. May we always walk in your way, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. *Amen.*

DOXOLOGY

Priest Glory to God,
People whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

BLESSING

Priest The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: ✠And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

DISMISSAL HYMN *O Jesus, I have promised*

WOLVERCOTE

Unison

O Je - sus, I have pro - mised to serve thee to the end;
be thou for ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend:
I shall not fear the bat - tle if thou art by my side,
nor wan - der from the path - way if thou wilt be my guide.

2 O let me feel thee near me:
the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer
and shield my soul from sin.

3 O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.

4 O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be;
and Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
my master and my friend.

DISMISSAL

Leader
People

Go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!