

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ALL AGE MASS 18 May 2025

*President & Preacher: the Rector*

**A warm welcome to Mass today – it's good to have you with us!**

## THE GATHERING

*Please STAND as the bell rings, to sing our first hymn:*

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
to his feet thy tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
who like me his praise should sing?  
Alleluya, alleluya!  
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favour  
to our fathers is distress;  
Praise him still the same for ever,  
slow to chide and swift to bless.  
Alleluya, alleluya!  
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like he tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame he knows;  
In his hands he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluya, alleluya!  
Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;  
ye behold him face to face;  
Sun and moon bow down before him;  
dwellers all in time and space.  
Alleluya, alleluya!  
Praise with us the God of grace.

✠ We gather for worship in the name of the Father  
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Alleluia, Christ is Risen.  
**He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*The President offers some words of welcome. Then the Deacon says:*

We remember the goodness of God, as we say sorry  
for the things we do wrong.

*Repeat each sung line after the Cantor:*

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



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



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



*The President pronounces God's Absolution:*

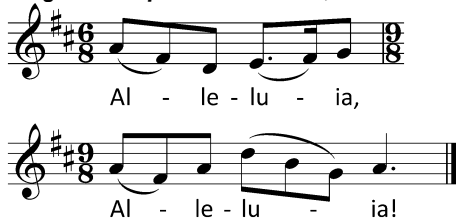
May the God of love and power forgive you  
✠ and free you of your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*The Collect for today is prayed:*

Risen Christ,  
your wounds declare your love for the world  
and the wonder of your risen life:  
give us compassion and courage  
to risk ourselves for those we serve,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
**Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*We sing the Gospel Acclamation; the cantor sings a verse.*



*I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one; I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.*

**We repeat the Acclamation.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

✠ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When he had gone out, Jesus said, ‘Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little 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.” I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.’

*John 13:31-35*

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise be to you O Christ.**

**The address follows; please SIT. Then stand for:**

Do you believe and trust in God the Father who made all things, the one for whom we exist?

**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit who gives life to the people of God, and makes Christ known in the world?

**I believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the risen Lord be always with you:

**And also with you.**

Let us offer each other a sign of Christ’s peace.

**As the Altar is prepared, we sing the offertory hymn.**

**Please gather around the altar during the hymn:**

**Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.**

**Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear.**

**In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.**

**Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.**

**Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;**

**He burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned.**

**How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!**

**Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.**

**Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place,**

**He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.**

**Now work too hard for him, in faith receive from him;**

**Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.**

**The President takes the bread and wine:**

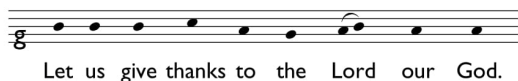
Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest; make yourself known in the breaking of bread.

**Amen.**

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice we offer for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.**






Lord of all life, you created the universe, where all living things reflect your glory. You give us this great and beautiful earth, to discover and to cherish. And now we give you thanks because through him you have given us eternal life and delivered us from the bondage of sin and the fear of death into the glorious liberty of the children of God. You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with the angels and sing your praise:

**Repeat each line after the Cantor:**



We thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live. Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's  body and his blood. On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying:

'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:

'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.'

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Repeat each line after the Cantor:**



So Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life. As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour. Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms. And now with all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever.

**We all say together in aloud voice:**

**AMEN!**

**Silent prayer**

Rejoicing in God's new creation, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,.....**

**The President breaks the blessed bread for all to share:**

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.**

**We say Agnus Dei:**

**Jesus Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

**The President invites all to receive Holy Communion:**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia**

**All who are Baptised in the name of the Holy Trinity are welcome to receive Holy Communion here. If you'd rather receive a blessing, do come forward, bringing this booklet with you. When all have received Holy Communion:**

God of truth,  
**we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life. Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

**SIT for the notices, then STAND for**

## THE DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

Alleluia, Christ is Risen.  
He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life; and the blessing of God Almighty ✠ the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you this Eastertide and always.  
Amen.

*We sing the final hymn, in which the altar party process to the West end:*

Sing of the Lord's goodness,  
Father of all wisdom,  
come to him and bless his name.  
Mercy he has shown us,  
his love is for ever,  
faithful to the end of days.

*Come, then all you nations,  
sing of your Lord's goodness,  
melodies of praise and thanks to God.  
Ring out the Lord's glory,  
praise him with your music,  
worship him and bless his name.*

Power he has wielded,  
honour is his garment,  
risen from the snares of death.  
His word he has spoken,  
one bread he has broken,  
new life he now gives to all.

Courage in our darkness,  
comfort in our sorrow,  
Spirit of our Lord most high;  
Solace for the weary,  
pardon for the sinner,  
splendour of the living God.

Praise him with your singing,  
praise him with the trumpet,  
praise God with the lute and harp;  
Praise him with the cymbals,  
praise him with your dancing,  
praise God till the end of days.

*Please turn to face the west door; the Deacon dismisses the people:*

With the power that raised Jesus from the dead at work within you, go in the peace of Christ.  
Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

*Organ voluntary*  
Healey Willan, *Prelude on O Filii et Filiae*,  
from *Ten Hymn Preludes (Set 1)*

**Please do stay for refreshments,  
available in the North Aisle!**

**The Annual Parochial Church Meeting  
will take place today after High Mass.  
Do come along if you can and vote for  
the new Churchwardens and new  
members of the Parochial Church  
Council.**

**Don't forget to sign the register to  
indicate your presence today to  
support a future school application.**

**If you worship here regularly, we do  
encourage you to think about giving  
on a monthly basis (whatever the  
amount); more information from  
Marion.**



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