

Sunday 1st June, 2025 11.00 am

The Sixth Sunday of Easter - The Sacrament of Holy Communion

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Welcome & Intimations

Introit

Call to Worship

Hymn 742 Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days

- 1 Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days !
A world without saints forgets how to praise.
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,
their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.
- 2 Some march with events to turn them God's way ;
some need to withdraw, the better to pray ;
some carry the gospel through fire and through flood :
our world is their parish : their purpose is God.
- 3 Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,
who bear someone's cross, or shoulder their own :
they share our complaining, our comfort, our cares :
what patience in caring, what courage, is theirs !
- 4 Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days !
A world without saints forgets how to praise.
In loving, in living, they prove it is true :
their way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.

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Call to Prayer

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Children's Address

Hymn 205 Lord, can this really be?

- 1 Lord, can this really be ?
Is this your Church, the people that I see,
who gather here and worship you with me ?
- 2 And must I love them all,
shoulder their loads, and answer when they call,
forgive their faults and raise them when they fall ?
- 3 Are these the ear, eye, hand,
your body, Lord, bound firmly in one band
and learning to obey your great command ?
- 4 Is this the very place,
the school of love, where we would see your face,
and through your Spirit gain enabling grace ?
- 5 Our faith a channel make
to bring us grace. Our judging hearts now take,
and lead us into oneness for your sake.
- 6 The true Church we'll become
when all the world will see us live as one,
and know you, Jesus, as the Father's Son.
Coda :
Lord, could this really be ?
Lord, let it really be.

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Acts 16:16-34

St. John 17:20-26

Anthem

Sermon

The Apostles' Creed (Hymn 628)

The Offering (& Sung Doxology: Hymn 807)

Prayer of Intercession

Hymn 18/19 The earth belongs to God alone (Psalm 24)

- 1 The earth belongs to God alone
and all that it contains;
the world and its inhabitants
God's steadfast love maintains.
- 2 The Lord who brought the world to birth
laid earth's foundations sure,
and firm within the surging seas
established them secure.
- 3 Who, then, are those who shall ascend
the holy hill of God?
And who is fit to stand within
the presence of the Lord?
- 4 All those whose hands and hearts are clean,
with no room in their mind
for worthless vanities or vows
of a deceitful kind.
- 5 These are the people who receive
a blessing from the Lord,
and vindication for their ways
from God, their saving God.
- 6 O God of Jacob, help us all
who gather in this place,
to seek your presence with us now:
we yearn to see your face.
- 7 Ye gates lift up your heads on high;
ye doors that last for ay
be lifted up, that so the King
of glory enter may!
- 8 But who of glory is the King?
The mighty Lord is this,
ev'n that same Lord, that great in might
and strong in battle is.

9 Ye gates, lift up your heads; ye doors,
doors that do last for ay,
be lifted up, that so the King
of glory enter may!

10 But who is he that is the King
of glory? who is this?
The Lord of hosts, and none but he,
the King of glory is.

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Responses for Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
...and with the whole company of heaven,
we lift up our hearts in joyful praise, saying:
***Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.***

*Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
almighty Father, now and for ever.*

**Our Father which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.**

Thy Kingdom come.

Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.

Amen.

Breaking of Bread

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

Grant us your peace.

Hymn 644 O Jesus, I have promised,

1 O Jesus, I have promised
to serve you to the end;
be now and ever near me,
my Master and my Friend:
I shall not fear the battle
if you are by my side,
not wander from the pathway
if you will be my guide.

2 Oh, let me feel you 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 still nearer,
and shield my soul from sin.

3 Oh, let me hear you 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,
O guardian of my soul.

4 O Jesus, you have promised
to all who follow you,
that where you are in glory
your servant shall be too;
and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve you to the end:
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my Friend.

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Benediction

Choral Amen (3-fold)