



The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 28 April 2024, 11am

Presider: **The Rt Revd David Urquhart**

Preacher: **The Revd Jennifer Midgley-Adam, Curate**

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WELCOME

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

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Music before the Service

Lullaby – Gordon Phillips

Organist: David Cook

The Gathering

Hymn

Please stand.

**Come, ye faithful, raise the anthem,
cleave the skies with shouts of praise;
sing to him who found the ransom,
Ancient of eternal days,
God eternal, Word incarnate,
whom the heaven of heaven obeys.**

**Ere he raised the lofty mountains,
formed the sea, or built the sky,
love eternal, free and boundless,
force the Lord of life to die,
lifted up the Prince of princes
on the throne of Calvary.**

**Now on those eternal mountains
stands the sapphire throne, all bright,
with the ceaseless alleluyas
which they raise, the sons of light;
Sion's people tell his praises,
victor after hard-won fight.**

**Bring your harps, and bring your incense,
sweep the string and pour the lay;
let the earth proclaim his wonders,
King of that celestial day;
He the Lamb once slain is worthy,
who was dead, and lives for ay.**

**Laud and honour to the Father,
laud and honour to the Son,
laud and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three and ever One,
One in love, and One in splendour,
while unending ages run. Amen.**

Job Hupton 1762-1849 and J M Neale 1818-66 Tune: Neander

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.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on
earth. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al - migh - ty God and
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly
Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us; you are
sea - ted at the right hand of the Fa - ther, re - ceive our
prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -
lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus
Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit in the glo - ry of God the
Fa - - ther. A - - - - - men.

The Collect

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen 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 8.26-40

Read by Sarah Alder

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.'

The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He

sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading John 15.1-8

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.**

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

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 the Revd Jennifer Midgley-Adam

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.

**Love's redeeming work is done;
fought the fight, the battle won:
lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er,
lo, he sets in blood no more.**

**Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
Christ has burst the gates of hell;
death in vain forbids his rise;
Christ has opened paradise.**

**Lives again our glorious King;
where, O death, is now thy sting?**

dying once, he all doth save;
where thy victory, O grave?

Soar we now where Christ has led,
following our exalted Head;
made like him, like him we rise;
ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!
Praise to thee by both be given:
thee we greet triumphant now;
hail, the Resurrection Thou!

Charles Wesley 1707-88 Tune: Savannah

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and might, —
 hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na
 in the high - - - est. Bles - sed is he who
 comes in the name — of the Lord, Ho -
 - san - na in the high - - - - est.

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:

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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins___ of the world,
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sins___ of the world, grant us___ peace.

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

This joyful Eastertide (Melody from David's Psalmen 1685)

Sung by Dorothy Lawrence

Post-Communion Prayer

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
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

**Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.**

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

**Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.**

Thine be the glory...

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;
life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.**

Thine be the glory...

Edmon Budry 1854-1932 tr R B Hoyle 1875-1939 Tune: Maccabaeus

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
Trumpet Tune in F – Gordon Phillips

You are invited to stay for refreshments after the service.

Notices

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Today, Sunday 28 April, 12.30pm

Our APCM will take place in the church **today** after the service. This is where we elect our churchwardens and PCC members. The APCM is an opportunity to hear the annual report and accounts and learn more about the life of the church, our mission and ministry. The electoral roll has now been published and can be seen on the church noticeboard along with the annual accounts, and copies of the annual report can be found at the back of church. We hope as many of our congregation will join us as possible.

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.

New Podcast: Looking Closer, Looking Deeper

Join Adey Grummet and our team of guides as they tell the stories and explore the life of All Hallows. Episode three is available now: *The Saddest Sight: Pepsys and the Great Fire*.

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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 29 April

No services today

Tuesday 30 April

8.30am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 1 May

8.30am Morning Prayer

6pm Taizé Prayer

Thursday 2 May

8.30am Said Eucharist

Friday 3 May

8.30am Morning Prayer

Saturday 4 May

No services today

Sunday 5 May: The Sixth Sunday of Easter

10am Said Eucharist; Preacher: The Revd Jennifer Midgley-Adam

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.

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Byward Kitchen & Bar

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