

**Holy Communion**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**5 May 2024**

A warm welcome to our services of Holy Communion today. Revd Simon Winn, Vicar, is presiding and David McEvoy, Reader, is preaching at the 8am and 10am services. Children’s Church meet in the hall at 10am this morning.

**READINGS**

Acts 10: 44-48

Psalm 98

1 John 5: 1-6

John 15: 9-17

**HYMNS**

156 Come down O Love Divine  
135 Rock of ages  
473 I come with joy  
365 God is love

**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**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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**

**First Reading**

**Acts 10: 44-48**

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.

**Psalm 98**

*Cantate Domino*

O SING unto the Lord a new song : for he hath done marvellous things.

2 With his own right hand, and with his holy arm : hath he gotten himself the victory.

3 The Lord declared his salvation : his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.

4 He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel : and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.

5 Shew yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands : sing, rejoice, and give thanks.

6 Praise the Lord upon the harp : sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.

7 With trumpets also and shawms : O shew yourselves joyful before the Lord the King.

8 Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is: the round world, and they that dwell therein.

9 Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the Lord : for he is come to judge the earth.

10 With righteousness shall he judge the world : and the people with equity.

**Second Reading**

**1 John 5: 1-6**

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.

**Gospel Reading**

**John 15: 9-17**

Jesus said: ‘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.’

**Today’s Music**

**Psalm 98**

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**Anthem**

The Lord’s Prayer - Sheppard

**Sanctus**

From Mass for Five Voices - William Byrd

**Communion**

Agnus Dei from Mass for Five Voices - William Byrd

**Organ voluntary**

Fugue in G minor, BWV 542ii – J. S. Bach

**Prayers for the week**

We pray for those in need: Annie Boyle, Philip Caine, Barbara Cann, Jonny Chandler, Ian Clark, Milly Edwards, Suzanne Ferguson, Kevin Garvin, Hessie Hervey, Alex Holborn, Jane Holmes, Barrie Jenkins, Beryl Jenkins, Norman Leach, Judy Mundy, Dorcas Olayiwola, Nancy O’Keefe, Eleanor O’Sullivan, Jean Penney, Sylvia, Nicholas Vine, Ross Wilson, Richard Winn, and Jane Zoe.

We remember all who have died recently. We pray especially for Kevin Bainbridge, Iris Clifford, Robert Griffiths, and David Risdon. We also remember Matthew Kinnison on his Year’s Mind. We ask God’s blessing and comfort on all who are mourning the loss of loved ones.

**If you would like to include names of loved ones in the prayers for those in need or departed please contact David McEvoy:** [**dmcevoy@btinternet.com**](mailto:dmcevoy@btinternet.com)

**A Prayer for Peace and Hope in the Holy Land**

O God of all hope and peace, we bring to you the needs of our broken and hurting world. Our hearts are breaking with images of lives lost and torn apart by grief in Israel and Palestine. We pray for an end to violence and warfare so that the challenging work of rebuilding may begin. Help us, O Lord, to affirm our common humanity so that in our differences we may build together for justice and peace. In Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Services this week**

**Today, Sunday 5 May Sixth Sunday of Easter**

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Sung Eucharist

5.30pm *Abide,* a service of reflection and meditation

**Monday 6 May**

8.30am Morning Prayer

**Tuesday 7 May**

8.30am Morning Prayer

**Wednesday 8 May**

8.30am Morning Prayer

**Thursday 9 May Ascension Day**

8.00am Holy Communion

8.00pm Choral Eucharist in the Chapel of the Old Royal Naval College

**Sunday 12 May Seventh Sunday of Easter**

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Sung Eucharist

**Walk-In Wednesdays**

Every Wednesday 10am to 12noon in the Frank Smith Room in the hall. Drop in for a cuppa and a chat.

***Abide* this evening at 5.30pm**

Join us for our monthly *Abide* service today at 5.30pm. A service of prayers, readings and reflections and music from the Taizé tradition.

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