

ST MARY DE CASTRO: SUNG MASS ON SUNDAY 25 MAY
THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

WELCOME

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all visitors to St Mary's. If you are a baptized member of the Church of England, or of any other Church that subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity, you are very welcome to receive communion this morning. If you do not wish to take communion, but would like to receive a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest.

THE PREPARATION

The organ will start to play from five minutes before the start of the service. During this time the following may help members of the congregation with their preparation.

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

To worship God in church is not a substitute for the service of God in daily life; rather, it is that which makes the service of God possible by bringing the things of daily life into the light of eternity.

from Fr Gabriel Hebert SSM, *Liturgy and Society*, 1935

The Resurrection of Jesus is not just wonderful news or the happy ending of a story, but something that changes our lives completely and forever. **Pope Francis, Easter Monday 2024**

INTROIT HYMN

At the entry of the Altar Party all STAND and sing the Introit Hymn. If you are able, please remain standing until the first reading.

NEH 107

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| <p>1. GOOD Christian men, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King:
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluya!</p> | <p>3. Praise we in songs of victory
That Love, that Life, which cannot die,
And sing with hearts uplifted high:
Alleluya!</p> |
| <p>2. The Lord of Life is risen for ay:
Bring flowers of song to strew his way;
Let all mankind rejoice and say:
Alleluya!</p> | <p>4. Thy name we bless, O risen Lord,
And sing today with one accord
The life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluya!</p> |

THE GREETING

Priest ✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All Amen.

Priest Alleluia. Christ is risen.
All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

THE PENITENTIAL RITE

Priest My brothers and sisters,
as we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ
in word and sacrament, let us call to mind
and confess our sins.

All Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against thee
and against our neighbour,
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are heartily sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us, forgive us all that is past,
and grant that we may serve thee in newness of life
to the glory of thy name. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

Priest 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.

All Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON (SUNG)

All Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison.
Christe, eleison. Christe, eleison. Christe, eleison.
Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison.

(Lord, have mercy.)
(Christ, have mercy.)
(Lord, have mercy.)

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (SUNG)

Priest Glory be to God on high,
All 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 Jesu Christ:
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins 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.

THE COLLECT

Priest Let us pray.
God our redeemer, who hast delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into
the kingdom of thy Son: grant, that as by his death he hath recalled us to life, so by his continual
presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth
and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
All Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

SIT

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 16. 9-15)

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM (SUNG)

Psalm 67

God be merciful unto | us and | bless us : and shew us the light of his countenance, and be | merci-ful | un-to | us;

That thy way may be | known upon | earth : thy saving | health a- | mong all | nations.

Let the people | praise thee O | God : yea let | all the | people | praise thee.

O let the nations re- | joice and be | glad : for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the | nations up- | on | earth.

Let the people | praise thee O | God : let | all the | people | praise thee.

Then shall the earth bring | forth her | increase : and God, even our own God shall | give us | his | blessing.

† God | shall | bless us : and all the ends of the | world shall | fear | him.

SECOND READING

A reading from the book of Revelation (Revelation 21. 10, 22—22. 5)

In the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

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Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

STAND

NEH 486

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| 1. WE have a gospel to proclaim,
Good news for men in all the earth,
The gospel of a Saviour's name:
We sing his glory, tell his worth. | 4. Tell of that glorious Easter morn,
Empty the tomb, for he was free:
He broke the power of death and hell
That we might share his victory. |
| 2. Tell of his birth at Bethlehem,
Not in a royal house or hall,
But in a stable dark and dim:
The Word made flesh, a light for all. | 5. Tell of his reign at God's right hand,
By all creation glorified:
He sends his Spirit on his Church,
To live for him, the Lamb who died. |
| 3. Tell of his death at Calvary,
Hated by those he came to save,
In lonely suffering on the cross:
For all he loved, his life he gave. | 6. Now we rejoice to name him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel message we proclaim;
We sing his glory, tell his worth. |

THE GOSPEL

Priest The Lord be with you

All and with thy spirit.

Priest Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (John 14. 23-29)

All ✠ **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.'

Priest This is the Gospel of the Lord. Alleluia.

All Praise be to thee, O Christ. Alleluia.

SIT

A homily may be preached.

THE NICENE CREED (**SUNG**)

STAND

Priest I believe in one God,

All 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 his 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,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven, *(Genuflect or bow)*
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man, *(Stand)*

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 worshippèd 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 INTERCESSION

KNEEL OR SIT

Priest Let us pray.

After each intention the following responses may be used:

Lord, in thy mercy

All hear our prayer.

(or)

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

And at the end:

Priest Merciful Father,

All accept these prayers
for the sake of thy Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

STAND

This, or another suitable preface to the peace is said:

Priest 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.

[John 20: 19,20]

The peace of the Lord be always with you
All and with thy spirit.

Priest Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

THE OFFERTORY

During the Offertory Hymn, the gifts of the people are gathered and presented in the Collection.

NEH 101

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| 1. THE Lamb's high banquet we await
In snow-white robes of royal state,
And now, the Red Sea's channel past,
To Christ our Prince we sing at last. | 5. O thou from whom hell's monarch flies,
O great, O very Sacrifice,
Thy captive people are set free,
And endless life restored in thee. |
| 2. Upon the altar of the Cross
His Body has redeemed our loss,
And tasting of his precious Blood,
Our life is hid with Christ in God. | 6. For Christ, arising from the dead,
From conquered hell victorious sped,
He thrusts the tyrant down to chains,
And Paradise for man regains. |
| 3. That Paschal eve God's arm was bared,
The devastating angel spared;
By strength of hand our hosts went free
From Pharaoh's ruthless tyranny. | 7. Maker of all, to thee we pray,
Fulfil in us thy joy today;
When death assails, grant, Lord, that we
May share thy Paschal victory. |
| 4. Now Christ our Passover is slain,
The Lamb of God that knows no stain,
And he, the true unleavened Bread,
Is truly our oblation made. | 8. To thee who, dead, again dost live,
All glory, Lord, thy people give,
All glory to the Father be
And Spirit blest, eternally. Amen |

As each element is received the following may be said:

Priest Blessed art thou, Lord God of all creation:
through thy goodness we have this bread to set before thee,
which earth hath given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Priest Blessed art thou, Lord God of all creation:
through thy goodness we have this wine to set before thee,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

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

All **May the Lord accept this sacrifice at thy hands,
to the praise and glory of his Name,
for our good and the good of all his Church.**

The priest says the Prayer over the Gifts, to which all reply: Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

REMAIN STANDING

The Sursum Corda

Priest The Lord be with you

All and with thy spirit.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them up unto the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

All It is meet and right so to do.

The Preface

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,
through Jesus Christ thine only Son our Lord.

A Proper Preface may be used when appropriate. The priest then concludes with:

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we laud and magnify thy glorious Name,
evermore praising thee and singing:

All *(Sung)* 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.

KNEEL OR SIT

The priest recites the Eucharistic prayer. A bell signals the elevation of the consecrated bread and wine, at which all may make the sign of the cross.

After the elevation of the consecrated wine, the following acclamation is said:

Priest Jesus Christ is Lord.

All Lord, by thy cross and resurrection thou hast set us free. Thou art the Saviour of the world.

The priest continues the Eucharistic Prayer, concluding with:

by whom and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee,
O Father almighty, world without end.

All Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (SUNG)

Priest As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us, we are bold to say:

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Priest 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 (SUNG)

All O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

GIVING OF COMMUNION

The priest invites the people to communion:

Priest Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Priest Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof,
but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

*Communion is administered in both kinds (bread and wine). If you do not wish to receive wine from the common cup, please leave the altar rail immediately after you have consumed the bread.
Please note that intinction (dipping the wafer into the consecrated wine) is not permitted.*

Words of distribution are used to which the communicant replies: Amen.

During the giving of communion the choir will sing the following hymn. Members of the congregation are invited to join in if they wish.

HO&N 452

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| 1. LONGING for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
Light for the world to see.

<i>Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts,
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church
Gathered today.</i> | 3. Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
Shared until all are fed. |
| 2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice. | 4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
Walls made of living stone. |
| | 5. Many the gifts, many the people,
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
Making your kingdom come. |

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

KNEEL OR SIT

Priest Let us pray.

O God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ doth give the water of eternal life: may we ever thirst for thee, the spring of life and fountain of goodness, through him who liveth and reigneth, now and for ever.

All Amen.

Priest Almighty God,

All we thank thee for feeding us
with the body and blood of thy Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer thee our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of thy Spirit
to live and work to thy praise and glory. Amen.

POST COMMUNION HYMN

STAND

NEH 113

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| 1. 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! | 4. 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. |
| 2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal,
Christ has burst the gates of hell;
Death in vain forbids his rise;
Christ has opened Paradise. | 5. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!
Praise to thee by both be given:
Thee we greet triumphant now;
Hail, the Resurrection thou! |
| 3. Lives again our glorious King;
Where, O Death, is now thy sting?
Dying once, he all doth save;
Where thy victory, O grave? | |

THE DISMISSAL

Priest The Lord be with you
All and with thy spirit.

Priest The blessing of God almighty,
✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
All Amen.

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All In the name of Christ. Amen.

REGINA COELI (SUNG)

All Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven, alleluia!
He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia!
As he promised hath arisen, alleluia!
Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia!

Priest Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
All For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.

Priest Let us pray
O God, who by the resurrection of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
hast vouchsafed to give joy to the whole world:
grant, we beseech thee,
that assisted by the prayers of his Mother, the Virgin Mary,
we may obtain the joys of everlasting life:
through the same Christ our Lord.
All Amen.