

# The Fifth Sunday of Easter

28<sup>th</sup> April 2024



StMARY *with* StALBAN  
PARISH CHURCH *of* TEDDINGTON

## THE GATHERING

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

1. Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the Head and corner-stone,  
chosen of the Lord, and precious,  
binding all the church in one,  
Holy Sion's help for ever,  
and her confidence alone.

2. All that dedicated city,  
dearly loved of God on high,  
in exultant jubilation  
pours perpetual melody,  
God the One in Three adoring  
in glad hymns eternally.

3. To this temple, where we call thee,  
come, O Lord of Hosts, to-day;  
with thy wonted loving-kindness  
hear thy servants as they pray,  
and thy fullest benediction  
shed within its walls always.

4. Here vouchsafe to all thy servants  
what they ask of thee to gain,  
what they gain from thee for ever  
with the blessed to retain,  
and hereafter in thy glory  
evermore with thee to reign.

5. Laud and honour to the Father,  
laud and honour to the Son,  
laud and honour to the Spirit,  
ever Three, and ever One,  
consubstantial, co-eternal,  
while unending ages run.

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

**All Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ be  
with you

**All and also with you.**

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

**All He is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

*The Children's Church leave for their worship.*

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**All Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

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.

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

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.**

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS – *The Mass of St. Thomas, David Thorne*

**Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to God in the highest!**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth;**

**Lord God, Heavenly King; Almighty God and Father.**

**We worship you; we give you thanks; We praise you for your glory.**

**Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to God in the highest.**

**Lord Jesus Christ; Holy Son of the Father.**

**Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world**

**Have mercy on us.**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.**

**Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to God in the highest.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord.**

**You alone are the Most High; Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit,**

**✠ In the glory of God the Father.**

**Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to God in the highest.**

## THE COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

*The Collect is said after a short period of silence*

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.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### THE FIRST READING – Acts 8.26–40, read by a member of the congregation

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.) <sup>27</sup>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 <sup>28</sup>and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>Then the Spirit said to Philip, ‘Go over to this chariot and join it.’ <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, ‘Do you understand what you are reading?’ <sup>31</sup>He replied, ‘How can I, unless someone guides me?’ And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. <sup>32</sup>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.

<sup>33</sup> In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.’

<sup>34</sup>The eunuch asked Philip, ‘About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?’ <sup>35</sup>Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>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?’ <sup>38</sup>He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup>When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way

rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

This is the word of the Lord,

**All Thanks be to God**

THE SECOND READING – *1 John 4.7–21, read by the subdeacon*

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup>God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. <sup>15</sup>God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>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. <sup>21</sup>The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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GRADUAL HYMN

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God,  
and his righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added  
unto you.

Allelu-, alleluja:

*Alleluja, alleluja, alleluja*  
*allelu-, alleluja!*

2. Ask, and it shall be given unto you;  
Seek, and you shall find.  
Knock, and it shall be opened unto  
you.  
Allelu-, Alleluja:

3. Man shall not live by bread alone,  
But by every word  
That proceeds out from the mouth of  
God.  
Allelu-, Alleluja:

GOSPEL READING - *John 15.1-8*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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

*All* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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*All* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## THE SERMON

### THE NICENE CREED

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**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.**

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Jesus our exalted Lord has been given all authority. Let us seek his intercession that our prayers may be perfected by his prayer.

Lord in your mercy

or

Lord, hear us

*All* **Hear our prayer**

**Lord, graciously hear us**

Merciful Father,

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

# THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

## THE PEACE

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 Christ be always with you

**All and also with you. Alleluia, alleluia**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## OFFERTORY HYMN

1. Be here, Lord, in your churches,  
And shine through us your light,  
As cities built on hill-tops  
We'll not be hid from sight,  
O give us, Lord, the courage,  
the energy and drive  
to make our faith turn outwards,  
incarnate and alive.

2. May we, in words and action  
Bring all your plans to birth,  
Make us your holy people  
for this, your needy earth.  
When all our aspirations  
Can't set our hearts on fire,  
Lord, fill us with the passion  
that you alone inspire.

3. Lord, give us roots that nourish  
the branch, the leaf, the shoot,  
And help us by your pruning  
To yield a richer fruit.  
Lord, save us from distractions  
that human minds devise,  
And give us grace to strive for  
the trophies you most prize.

4. Are we a true communion,  
diverse and yet as one?  
A house with doors wide open,  
and room for all who come?  
Renew your church in mission,  
In ministry and grace,  
That all who seek may find you,  
In this and every place.

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.**

## 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, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For he is your living Word; through him you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image.

Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin, giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross; you raised him from the dead and exalted him to your right hand on high.

Through him you have sent upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit and made us a people for your own possession.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you because you raised him gloriously from the dead. For he is the true paschal lamb who was offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has restored to us everlasting life.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and *singing*:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!**

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

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit ✠ these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood;

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.*

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Jesus Christ is Lord:



**All Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free. You are the Saviour of the world**

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**All Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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 away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us**

**Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world; grant us peace.**

#### GIVING OF COMMUNION

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Everyone is welcome to come forward for Holy Communion or a blessing.  
Please note that we no longer intinct (dip the bread).*

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.**

*The Notices are given, and Children's Church share their worship*

#### SENDING OUT

#### POST-COMMUNION HYMN

1. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hearts to heaven and voices raise;  
sing to God a hymn of gladness,  
sing to God a hymn of praise:  
he who on the cross a victim  
for the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,  
now is risen from the dead.

2. Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits  
of the holy harvest field,  
which will all its full abundance  
at his second coming yield;  
then the golden ears of harvest  
will their heads before him wave,  
ripened by his glorious sunshine,  
from the furrows of the grave.

3. Christ is risen, we are risen;  
shed upon us heavenly grace,  
rain, and dew, and gleams of glory  
from the brightness of thy face;  
that we, with our hearts in heaven,  
here on earth may fruitful be,  
and by angel-hands be gathered,  
and be ever, Lord, with thee.

4. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Glory be to God on high;  
Alleluia to the Saviour,  
who has gained the victory;  
Alleluia to the Spirit,  
fount of love and sanctity;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
to the Triune Majesty.

## THE BLESSING

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.



**All Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

**All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*The ministers and people depart.*

Notices:

NEW	<p><b>Pints of View Tide End Cottage</b> Wednesday 1st May 8.00pm</p>	<p>Our inaugural chance to gather each month for some unscripted, agenda-free and committee-free fellowship over a pint or equivalent. All are welcome. Will be held on the <u>first Wednesday of each month at 8.00pm,</u></p>
NEW	<p><b>Compline on Zoom</b> Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 8.30pm</p> 	<p>Following requests and its popularity during Holy Week, <u>Compline will be held on Zoom every Thursday at 8.30pm.</u> Using the <i>Daily Prayer App</i> as we take this opportunity to pray together towards the end of each working week. Use the dedicated link on ChurchSuite or this QR code (<i>please note that it is different to the Morning and Evening Prayer link</i>).</p>
NEW	<p><b>Building Anew Open Day</b> Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 11.15am-1.00pm</p>	<p><b>In the Church &amp; Churchyard.</b> A great opportunity to learn more about the project and have your questions answered. The proposed footprint will be marked out within the churchyard, and the post-10am teas and coffee will be served in Church instead of the Hall.</p>
	<p><b>Local History Supper</b> Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May</p>	<p>SOLD OUT. Please register your interest with the Parish Office for a possible second date.</p>
	<p><b>Ascension Day</b></p>	<p>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm Sung Eucharist in church.</p>
	<p><b>Christian Aid Week</b> 12-18<sup>th</sup> May</p>	<p>Help push back against poverty. The Red envelopes will be delivered within May's newsletter. Please use the QR code to donate online, or for cash hand the envelope to Clergy by the 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.</p> 

<p><b>Teddington Village Fair</b>          Udney Hall Gardens          Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June</p>	<p>Please get in touch with <a href="mailto:Suzanne@teddingtonparish.org">Suzanne@teddingtonparish.org</a> If you might be interested in; having a stall; sponsoring or advertising in the programme; helping to run the teas in the Parish Hall, or general volunteering on the day.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>N E X T  W E E K</b></p>	<p><b>Monday</b> <b>Community Café:</b> at Peter &amp; Paul Centre 1.30-4.30pm  <b>Tuesday</b> <b>Parish Social:</b> Lunch Shambles 12noon  <b>Traherne Reading Group:</b> Mina Hogan Rm. 1.30-2.45pm  <b>Wednesday</b> <b>First Wednesday Open Discussion:</b>          Mina Hogan Rm          12.45-2.15pm. Topic: <i>Churchyards</i>.          Tea/coffee available, bring a packed lunch, a friend and any relevant ideas, photos, memories or thoughts on sacred burial grounds to share.  <b>Thursday</b> <b>Pints of View Fellowship:</b> Tide End Cottage 8.00pm  <b>Compline</b> on Zoom 8.30pm  <b>Saturday</b> <b>Parish Plod:</b> the final walk along the Thames Path from Kew Bridge to bring all the plodders back to Teddington. 9.30am</p>


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