

St German's Church

19 May 2019 - Easter V



In a very general way St John's gospel contains the early church's reflection of Jesus as the universal Christ. It goes beyond the narratives of the synoptic gospels and can be read on many levels. Each word is rich in meaning. Today's gospel opens with 'Now' - 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified'. Which 'now' is it? Is it the moment of the cross? The celebration of the last supper? The time of the Risen Christ? Or maybe, it is our time, our now when we give thanks to God's enduring presence to us in Christ, with Christ and through Christ.

Parish Notes:

Benediction with music from Taize - In St Saviour's this evening at 6pm.

Next service of Benediction in St German's will be on 16 June at 6pm.

Next PCC Meeting - tomorrow Monday 20 May after mass at 6pm.

Messy Church - Thank you to all who helped with last Sunday's MC. The next Messy Church is in St Saviour's on 9 June (Pentecost) at 4pm.

Clergy School - Mass times return to normal after the diocesan clergy school.

Framed Prints of St German's Church available - see Ron for details.

Church Clean - Thanks to all who helped clean up our church after the first stage of the works was completed (new radiators).

Renovations and Works Thanks again all for your forbearance during these essential works which will go a long way to preserving our building for generations to come. Thank you to Peter Lovitt for making much of this happen and overseeing it.

Easter Course - 'Faith Pictures' course (a faith nurturing course created by the Church Army to encourage confidence in sharing our joyful faith stories). Mondays after the 6pm mass in St German's and Tuesdays after the 10am Mass in St Saviour's. No course this week because of the PCC but it resumes the week after.

Social Events - Forthcoming dates: 25 May BBQ; 22 June Summer Fayre; 20 July Ceili Night).

Recently Departed: Steven Hart RIP

This week:

Sun 19 Easter V

9:30 Sung Mass (St S)

11am Sung Mass (St G)

6pm Benediction (St S)

Mon 20:

6:00pm Mass (St G)

Tues 21:

10am Mass (St S)

Wed 22:

10am Mass (St G)

Thur 23:

5:45pm Mass (St S)

Fri 24:

6:00pm Mass (St S)

Sat 25:

11am Mass (St S.)

Sun 26: Easter VI

St Saviour's:

9:30 Sung Mass;

St German's:

11:00 am Sung Mass

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Acts 14:21-27
Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13
Rev 21:1-5a
John 13:31-33a, 34-35

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29
Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6+8
Rev 21:10-14, 22-23
John 14:23-29

PSALM RESPONSE

I will bless your name
for ever, O God my
king. (3vv)

Today's Hymns: 637 The day of Resurrection; 72 Bind us together; 217 God is love; 379 Lead us heavenly Father; Setting: Rizza (955)

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.**

FIRST READING

The First reading is from the book of Acts.

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

This is the word of the Lord.

Acts 14

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**I will bless your name for ever,
O God my King.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **R/**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God, to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign. **R/**

Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age. **R/**

Psalm 145

SECOND READING

The Second Reading is from the book of Revelations.

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.' Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Rev. 21

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

John 10

REGINA CAELI

(Said or sung after the last hymn during the season of Easter).

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 him
thy prayer, alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad,
O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
**For the Lord has risen indeed,
alleluia.**

Let us pray:
O God, by the Resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, you have brought joy to the whole world: grant that, by the help of his mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life; through Christ the Lord.
Amen.