

St German's Church

24 May 2020 - Easter VII



Today's gospel, John 17:1-3, the great prayer of Jesus to the Father, expresses intimacy and perhaps a bit of relief that the endgame is at hand. Yet, as is often the way with Christ, what appears to end is really just the beginning. Jesus says, "Father, the hour has come!" It is the long awaited hour. It is the moment of the glorification which will take place through the Passion, death and Resurrection. In reaching the end of His mission, Jesus looks back and proceeds to a review. In this prayer, He expresses the most intimate sentiment of His heart and the profound discovery of His soul: the presence of the Father in His life. (Ocarm.org)

Parish Notes:

Thy Kingdom Come - Join our Prayer Novena from Ascension to Pentecost (see website). There is a document with daily prayer intentions as well as a more detailed novena booklet that can be downloaded or used to help us pray online. We join with Christians throughout the world during these days of prayer leading up to Pentecost.

Walsingham National Pilgrimage at Home - the Anglican Shrine is hosting an afternoon of prayer tomorrow (25 May) which can be followed online www.walsinghamanglican.org.uk

Lockdown Transition - Currently our government in Wales and Westminster are looking at ways to help society transition out of this time of lockdown, in as safe a way as possible. Churches too are beginning to look at how we might begin to open our buildings and resume some services in a socially distant and careful way. If you'd like this to happen 'safely' sooner rather than later we'd appreciate your views and suggestions as to how we might do this. Please Email or call Fr Phelim.

Zoom Coffee - Next meets on Tuesday 2 June at 10:30am. If you'd like to participate please let Fr Phelim know. It is very easy to join: all you need is a computer or phone with camera and the link we send by email explains the next steps. If you need help on the day and time please call Fr Phelim on the landline. Once members are able to connect we will publish dates of other meetings.

Lift Up Your Hearts - Spiritual Support during the pandemic. This week's reflections are from the Margaret Sentamu. Copies available online.

Easter Course - Continues this coming Wednesday when we ask 'why on earth would I believe in the Christian message'. We will host a zoom meeting on this issue on Wednesday at 7pm. Ask Fr Phelim for details and an invitation.

Tackling Loneliness - YourNeighbour.org is running a national helping for people who need help during the lockdown. Our parishes have joined this national network which seeks to support all who are struggling locally. Telephone: 0300 323 9952.

Foodbank - Please continue to donate food locally. Please see Cardiff Foodbank website for details of open collection sites and how and when to drop off food for those in need.

Recently Departed - Elizabeth Mary Morris, Iris Murphy, Joan King, David Cornock (RIP)

Llandaff Diocese

Prayer Cycle:

Sun 24

7th Sunday of Easter

Duffryn, Stephen
Bodycombe (V) Anglican
Communion Worldwide,
ACC, Justin Welby (+ +
Canterbury)

Mon 18:

Skewen, Chris Coles (AD)

Tues 19:

Vale of Neath, Andrew
Davies (V)

Wed 20:

Hospital Chaplains
7pm Easter Course on Zoom

Thur 21:

Llansawel, Briton Ferry,
Sandra Birdsall

Friday 22:

RB Neath, Lynda Newman
(TR), Emma Street ©,
Stuart Ghezzi (C)

Saturday 23:

Deanery of the Vale of
Glamorgan, Martin Davies
(AD)

Sun 24

PENTECOST

Colwinston, Llandow &
Llysworney, Alan Kettle
(PiNC); Anglican Church of
Melanesia

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Acts 1:12-14
Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8
1 Pet 4:13-16
John 17:1-11a

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Acts 2:1-11
Ps 104:1+24, 29-30,
31+34
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13
John 20:19-23

PSALM:

**I am sure I shall see
the Lord's goodness in
the land of the living.
(3vv)**

COLLECT

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Acts.

After Jesus was taken up into heaven the apostles went back from the Mount of Olives, as it is called, to Jerusalem, a short distance away, no more than a sabbath walk; and when they reached the city they went to the upper room where they were staying; there were Peter and John, James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Jude son of James. All these joined in continuous prayer, together with several women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

This is the word of the Lord.

Acts 1

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.

The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink? **R/**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple. **R/**

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.
Of you my heart has spoken:
'Seek his face.' **R/**

Psalm 27

SECOND READING

A reading from the 1st letter of Peter

If you can have some share in the sufferings of Christ, be glad, because you will enjoy a much greater gladness when his glory is revealed. It is a blessing for you when they insult you for bearing the name of Christ, because it means that you have the Spirit of glory, the Spirit of God resting on you. None of you should ever deserve to suffer for being a murderer, a thief, a criminal or an informer; but if anyone of you should suffer for being a Christian, then he is not to be ashamed of it; he should thank God that he has been called one.

This is the word of the Lord.

1 Peter 4

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
I will not leave you orphans,
says the Lord;
I will come back to you,
and your hearts will be full of joy.
Alleluia!

and finished the work that you gave me to do. Now, Father, it is time for you to glorify me with that glory I had with you before ever the world was.

I have made your name known to the men you took from the world to give me. They were yours and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now at last they know that all you have given me comes indeed from you; for I have given them the teaching you gave to me, and they have truly accepted this, that I came from you, and have believed that it was you who sent me.

I pray for them; I am not praying for the world but for those you have given me, because they belong to you: all I have is yours and all you have is mine, and in them I am glorified. I am not in the world any longer, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.'

This is the gospel of the Lord.

John 17

GOSPEL:

A reading from the Gospel according to John.

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: 'Father, the hour has come: glorify your Son so that your Son may glorify you; and, through the power over all mankind that you have given him, let him give eternal life to all those you have entrusted to him. And eternal life is this: to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I have glorified you on earth