

ALL SAINTS' MARGARET STREET

# THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



**PONTIFICAL HIGH MASS**  
**WITH RITES OF BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION**

*Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2025*  
*11am*

Cover image: The Holy Ghost as Dove  
David Jones, 1895-1974

**MISSA BREVIS**  
Grayston Ives, b. 1943

§ *All stand when the sacristy bell rings.*

## SOLEMN RECEPTION OF THE BISHOP

ECCE SACERDOS MAGNUS

Michael Haller, 1840-1915

§ *All sing the processional hymn.*

**PRAISE, my soul, the King of heaven;  
To his feet thy tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Who like me his praise should sing?  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise the everlasting King.**

**Praise him for his grace and favour  
To our fathers in distress;  
Praise him still the same forever,  
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.**

*Praise him...*

**Glorious in his faithfulness.**

**Father-like he tends and spares us;  
Well our feeble frame he knows;  
In his hands he gently bears us,  
Rescues us from all our foes.**

*Praise him...*

**Widely as his mercy flows.**

**Angels, help us to adore him;  
Ye behold him face to face;  
Sun and moon bow down before him,  
Dwellers all in time and space.**

*Praise him...*

**Praise with us the God of grace.**

H.F. Lyte, 1793-1847

**PRAISE, MY SOUL**

John Goss, 1800-1880

**INTROIT** O sing a new song to the Lord *cf.* Psalm 97

## **INTRODUCTION & GREETING**

In the name of the ☩ Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Peace be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

§ *Bishop Jonathan introduces the Mass, before intoning the Gloria.*

## **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

Glory be to God on high, 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**

Almighty God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: we humbly beseech thee that, as by thy grace preceding us thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect, 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. **Amen.**

§ *All sit.*

## **FIRST READING** Acts 11.1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, ‘Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?’ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ‘I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, “Get up, Peter; kill and eat.” But I replied, “By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.”’

But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God? When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALMODY 148**

PRAISE the Lord of heaven : praise him in the height.

Praise him, all ye angels of his : praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon : praise him, all ye stars and light.

Praise him, all ye heavens : and ye waters that are above the heavens.

Let them praise the Name of the Lord : for he spake the word, and they were made; he commanded, and they were created.

He hath made them fast for ever and ever : he hath given them a law which shall not be broken.

Praise the Lord upon earth : ye dragons, and all deeps;

Fire and hail, snow and vapours : wind and storm, fulfilling his word;

Mountains and all hills : fruitful trees and all cedars;

Beasts and all cattle : worms and feathered fowls;

Kings of the earth and all people : princes and all judges of the world;

Young men and maidens, old men and children, praise the Name of the Lord : for his Name only is excellent, and his praise above heaven and earth.

He shall exalt the horn of his people; all his saints shall praise him : even the children of Israel, even the people that serveth him.

## **SECOND READING** Revelation 21.1-6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

‘See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.’

And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

§ *All stand.*

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL** John 13.31-35

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The right hand of the Lord hath the pre-eminence: the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass. *Cf.* Psalm 118. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

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

**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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.

**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

§ *All sit.*

**HOMILY** The Rt Revd Jonathan Baker, Bishop of Fulham

## **THE LITURGY OF BAPTISM**

§ *Fr Peter presents Sarah Duncan and Thomas Lyle to the Bishop:*

Right Reverend Father in God, I present Sarah and Thomas to be baptized and confirmed.

§ *Fr Peter presents Emelia Gralka; Hugo Gralka and Martin Hime to the Bishop:*

I present Emelia; Hugo and Martin to be confirmed.

§ *Fr Peter presents Susan Cottee to the bishop:*

I present Susan, who wishes to reaffirm her faith in Christ.

§ *Bishop Jonathan asks Sarah and Thomas:*

Do you wish to be baptized and confirmed? **I do.**

§ *Bishop Jonathan asks Emelia; Hugo; Martin and Susan:*

Have you been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit? **I have.**

§ *Bishop Jonathan asks all of the candidates:*

Are you ready with your own mouth and from your own heart to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ? **I am.**

§ *Bishop Jonathan asks the congregation:*

Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome these candidates and uphold them in their new life in Christ?

**With the help of God, we will.**

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore, as Sarah and Thomas make their baptismal promises, I ask all our candidates and the whole congregation to renew their own vows alongside them:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

**I reject them.**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

**I renounce them.**

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

**I repent of them.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

**I turn to Christ.**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

**I submit to Christ.**

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth, and the life? I come to Christ.

§ *Bishop Jonathan anoints Sarah and Thomas with the oil of catechumens:*

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of the cross.

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

**Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**

§ *As the candidates approach the font the Litany of Saints is sung.*

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Holy Mary, Mother of God, **pray for us.**

St Michael, **pray for us** *etc.*

Holy Angels of God,

Abraham & Sarah, and all our forebears in faith,

St John the Baptist,

St Joseph,

St Peter & St Paul,

St Andrew,

St John,

St Thomas,

St Mary Magdalene,

St Stephen, Protomartyr,

St Ignatius of Antioch,

St Laurence,

St Perpetua & St Felicity,

St Agnes,

St Susanna of Rome,

St Gregory,

St Augustine,

St Athanasius,



St Emmelia of Caesarea,  
St Basil,  
St Martin of Tours,  
St Benedict,  
St Hugo of Cluny,  
St Francis & St Dominic,  
St Hildegard of Bingen,  
St Francis Xavier,  
St Thomas Becket,  
St John Vianney,  
St Catherine of Siena,  
St Teresa of Jesus,  
St Thérèse of Lisieux,  
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop,  
All holy men and women Saints of God,  
Lord be merciful, **Lord deliver us we pray.**

From all evil,  
From every sin,  
From everlasting death,  
By your Incarnation,  
By your Death and Resurrection,  
By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit,  
Be merciful to us sinners, **Lord, we ask you hear our prayer.**  
Christ, hear us. **Christ, hear us.**  
Christ, graciously hear us. **Christ, graciously hear us.**

§ *Bishop Jonathan address the congregation:*

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess, together with these candidates, the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

§ *Bishop Jonathan asks Sarah and Thomas:*

Is this your faith? **It is.**

§ *Bishop Jonathan pours water on Sarah and Thomas, saying in turn:*

N, I baptize you in the name of the ✠ Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the ✠ Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

§ *Bishop Jonathan then addresses Susan:*

You are here to reaffirm your faith in Jesus Christ, before God and this congregation. Do you accept the teaching, discipline and authority of the Church?

**I do.**

Will you commit, alongside this congregation, to open your heart to God's grace, and to grow in knowledge and love of him who made and redeemed us?

**I will.**

Will you take part with this Christian family in worship and in mission?

**I will.**

§ *Emelia; Hugo; Martin and Susan then approach the font and sign themselves with the Cross from its waters. The congregation is then sprinkled as the bishop and candidates return to the chancel steps.*

## **VIDI AQUAM**

I beheld water, which proceeded out of the temple, on the right side thereof, Alleluya: and all they to whom that water came were healed every one: and they say, Alleluya, Alleluya. O give thanks unto the Lord for he is gracious: and his mercy endureth forever.

*cf.* Ezekiel 47.1; John 19.34

Almighty God, we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith with all who have been baptized into your name. Keep us faithful to our baptism, and so make us ready for that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF CONFIRMATION

Our help is in the name of the Lord:  
**who has made heaven and earth.**

Blessed be the name of the Lord:  
**now and for ever. Amen.**

§ *Bishop Jonathan extends his hands towards those to be confirmed and says:*  
Almighty and ever-living God, you have given these your servants new birth in baptism by water and the Spirit, and have forgiven them all their sins. Let your Holy Spirit rest upon them: the Spirit of wisdom and understanding; the Spirit of counsel and inward strength; the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness; and let their delight be in the fear of the Lord. **Amen.**

§ *Bishop Jonathan addresses each candidate by name:*  
N., God has called you by name and made you his own.

§ *He then lays his hand on the head of each, saying:*  
Confirm, O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Peace be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

§ *Bishop Jonathan then addresses Susan:*  
Susan, may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. **Amen.**

§ *Bishop Jonathan invites the congregation to pray for Emelia; Hugo; Martin; Sarah; Susan and Thomas:*  
Defend, O Lord, these your servants with your heavenly grace, that they may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more until they come to your everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

Then came Jesus and stood in the midst of his disciples, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.  
**And with thy spirit.**

## OFFERTORY MOTET

Prevent us O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name. And finally by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

William Byrd, 1540-1623

§ *All stand.*

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

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at thy hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

O God, who by the wondrous operation of this sacrifice, hast made us partakers of thy glorious Godhead: grant, we beseech thee; that we who are taught the knowledge of thy truth, may in all our conduct walk worthily of the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

**It is meet and right so to do.**

## SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again**

§ *The canon concludes:*

O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

## AGNUS DEI

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

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

§ *As the choir sings the Agnus, the celebrant shows the consecrated host to the people:*

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

§ *All respond:*

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

**COMMUNION CHANT** I am the true vine *cf.* John 15.5

§ *Anyone baptized in the name of the Trinity may receive Holy Communion. It is distributed at two stations: at the High Altar, and at the Lady Altar in the North Aisle, where low gluten Hosts are available. Please allow those newly confirmed to make their Communion first.*

Now is eternal life,  
If risen with Christ we stand,  
In him to life reborn,  
And holden in his hand;  
No more we fear death's ancient dread,  
In Christ arisen from the dead.

Man long in bondage lay,  
Brooding o'er life's brief span;  
Was it, O God, for nought,  
For nought, thou madest man?  
Thou art our hope, our vital breath;  
Shall hope undying end in death?

For God, the living God,  
Stooped down to man's estate;  
By death destroying death,  
Christ opened wide life's gate.  
He lives, who died; he reigns on high;  
Who lives in him shall never die.

Unfathomed love divine,  
Reign thou within my heart;  
From thee nor depth nor height,  
Nor life nor death can part;  
My life is hid with God in thee,  
Now and through all eternity.

G.W. Briggs, 1875-1959

**CHRISTCHURCH**  
Charles Stegall, 1826-1905

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life: grant us grace to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who liveth and reigneth, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **SOLEMN BLESSING**

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

May God the Father almighty bless you, whom he has made his adopted sons and daughters, reborn from water and the Holy Spirit, and may he keep you worthy of his fatherly love. **Amen.**

May his only Begotten Son, who promised that the Spirit of truth would abide in his Church, bless you and confirm you by his power in the confession of the true faith. **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit, who kindles the fire of charity in the hearts of disciples, bless you and lead you blameless and gathered as one into the joy of the Kingdom of God. **Amen.**

And may the blessing of almighty God, the ☩ Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

§ *Emelia; Hugo; Martin; Sarah; Susan and Tom are each presented with a candle, lit from the Paschal Flame. Bishop Jonathan then says:*

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light. You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

§ *All respond:*

**Shine as a light in the world, to the glory of God the Father.**

## **THE DISMISSAL**

Go in the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

§ *All sing the final hymn.*

O Jesus, I have promised  
To serve thee to the end;  
Be thou for ever near me,  
My Master and my Friend;  
I shall not fear the battle  
If thou art by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway  
If thou wilt be my guide.

O let me hear thee speaking  
In accents clear and still,  
Above the storms of passion,  
The murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me,  
To hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
Thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised  
To all who follow thee,  
That where thou art in glory  
There shall thy servant be;  
And Jesus, I have promised  
To serve Thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow,  
My Master and my Friend.

O let me see thy footmarks,  
And in them plant mine own;  
My hope to follow duly  
Is in thy strength alone;  
O guide me, call me, draw me,  
Uphold me to the end;  
And then in heaven receive me,  
My Saviour and my Friend.

John Bode, 1816-1874

**WOLVERCOTE**

William H. Ferguson, 1874-1950

### **REGINA CÆLI**

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!

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia!  
For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!

O God, who by the Resurrection of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, hast given joy unto the world: grant we beseech thee that by the help of his Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of life eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

**LIVRE D'ORGUE VIII**

**GRAND JEU**

Pierre du Mage, 1674-1651



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