

St Cuthbert's Church Earl's Court, SW5

Sunday 24th May 2020

Seventh Sunday of Easter Sunday After Ascension

11am Mass for Home Use



Welcome to St Cuthbert's

Celebrant: Fr Paul Bagott Preacher: Fr Calum Zuckert

Introit: Exaudi, Domine, vocem meam

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you, alleluia; of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face; hide not your face from me, alleluia.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All: Amen
Priest: The Lord be with you

All: and with thy spirit.

Priest: Alleluia! The Lord is risen.
All: He is risen indeed.
Alleluia!

The celebrant introduces the Eucharist and invites us to confess our sins as we prepare for the celebration.

All Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against thee through our own fault in thought and word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are heartily sorry and repent of all our sins. For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, 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 celebrant declares God's forgiveness in the words of the absolution

The Gloria in Excelsis is sung by the choir:

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, goodwill 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, Jesus 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 the Most High, *▼* in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect

O God the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: we beseech thee, leave us not comfortless, but send to us thine Holy Spirit to comfort us and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before; 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

The first reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (1: 12-14)

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away; and when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord devoted themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 68 (vv.1-10) follows the first reading and is sung by the choir

Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him.

Like as the smoke vanisheth, so shalt thou drive them away: and like as wax melteth at the fire, so let the ungodly perish at the presence of God.

But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God: let them also be merry and joyful.

O sing unto God, and sing praises unto his Name: magnify him that rideth upon the heavens, as it were upon an horse; praise him in his Name JAH, and rejoice before him. *He is a father of the fatherless, and* defendeth the cause of the widows: even God in his holy habitation. *He is the God that maketh men to be of* one mind in an house, and bringeth the prisoners out of captivity: but letteth the runagates continue in scarceness. O God, when thou wentest forth before the people: when thou wentest through the wilderness; The earth shook, and the heavens dropped at the presence of God: even as Sinai also was moved at the presence of God, who is the God of Israel. Thou, O God, sentest a gracious rain upon thine inheritance: and refreshedst it when it was weary. Thy congregation shall dwell therein:

for thou, O God, hast of thy goodness prepared for the poor.

The Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Peter (4: 13-16)

But rejoice in so far as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are reproached for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or a wrongdoer, or a mischief-maker; yet if one suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but under that name let him glorify God. This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Choir: 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!

We remain standing to hear the gospel. When the Gospel is announced the reader says: The Lord be with you

All: and with thy spirit.

▲A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (17: 1-11)

All: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify thy Son that the Son may glorify thee, since thou hast given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom thou hast given him. And this is eternal life, that they know thee the only true God, and Iesus Christ whom thou hast sent. I glorified thee on earth, having accomplished the work which thou gavest me to do; and now, Father, glorify thou me in thy own presence with the glory which I had with thee before the world was made.

"I have manifested thy name to the men whom thou gavest me out of the world; thine they were, and thou gavest them to me, and they have kept thy word. Now they know that everything that thou hast given me is from thee; for I have given them the words which thou gavest me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from thee; and they have believed that thou didst send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom thou hast given me, for they are thine; all mine are thine, and thine are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to thee. Holy Father, keep them in thy name, which thou hast given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.** *Choir: Alleluia!*

Sermon – A Sermon is given.

The Nicene Creed is sung

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 onlybegotten 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, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, 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 worshipped 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.

The prayers of Intercession are offered At the end of each petition these responses may be used:

Lord, in thy mercy *All:* hear our prayer.

After the petition for the departed, the intercessor may say:

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

All: ★And let light perpetual shine upon them.

The celebrant offers prayers in communion with the Saints. At the end we say together:

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

The celebrant concludes the intercessions with a final prayer, to which we respond: **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All: and with thy spirit.

The choir sings the Offertory antiphon Ascendit Deus in iubilatione:

God has ascended with shouts of joy, and the Lord with the sound of a trumpet, alleluia.

Prayer over the Gifts:

Accept, O Lord, we pray thee, the oblations which, in remembrance of the glorious Ascension of thy Son, we do offer unto thee: and mercifully grant that we, being delivered from all perils in this life present, may attain in the end unto life everlasting; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *All:* Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

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.

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

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Prayer of Pope Francis when Holy Communion is not available to be received:

At your feet, O my Jesus, I bow and offer you the repentance of my sorrowful contrite heart in its nothingness and Your holy presence. I adore you in the Blessed Sacrament of your love, eager to receive you in the poor abode that my heart offers you. Waiting for the happiness of sacramental communion, I want to possess you in spirit. Come to me, O my Jesus, for life and for death. May your love ignite my whole being, for life and death. I believe in you, I hope in you, I love you. Amen.

Anthem: Iubilate Deo – Orlande de Lassus (1532-1594)

O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song. For the Lord, he is God.

The Post-Communion Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power, whose Son Jesus Christ hath sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: so confirm us in this mission that our lives may show forth the good news which we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Lord be with you *All:* **And with thy spirit**

The priest gives the blessing with the final words being:

And the blessing of God Almighty, the ♣Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

All: Amen

Go in the peace of Christ, alleluia, alleluia.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

The choir sings the Regina Caeli: 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, didst vouchsafe to give joy to the whole world: grant, we beseech thee, that through his Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. *All:* Amen.

The final hymn is sung (Tune: 'Gonfalon Royal'):

Eternal Monarch, King most high, Whose blood hath brought redemption nigh, By whom the death of Death was wrought And conquering grace's battle fought: Ascending to the throne of might, And seated at the Father's right, All power in heaven is Jesu's own, That here his manhood had not known.

Yea, angels tremble when they see How changed is our humanity; That flesh hath purged what flesh had stained, And God, the flesh of God, hath reigned.

Be thou our joy and strong defence, Who art our future recompense: So shall the light that springs from thee Be ours through all eternity.

O risen Christ, ascended Lord, All praise to thee let earth accord, Who art, while endless ages run, With Father and with Spirit One.

Amen.

New English Hymnal 128 Words: J. M. Neale (1818-1866)

INTERCESSIONS FOR THE SICK AND THE DEPARTED

Pray for the sick and the distressed:

John Vine, William, Jeremy Page, Gill Pierse, David Kilpatrick, Shauna Campbell, Adelaide Haws, Bill Britton, Bruce Pullman, Nicole Connage, Frank Retief, Una De Witt, Flora Buchanan, Magda Pacok, Myfanwy Moran, Jose Tadeu Dias, Zareyah, Sylvie, Suzi Scott, Jean, Maria Melita Borres, Penny Howell, Eileen Hayward, Linda Elgharbawi, Robin Benson, Manjola Krasniqi, Remy Daep, Phillip Irving, Alan Watson, Marie Anne van Niekerk, Lenora Hammond, James Dufficy, Colin Kilpatrick, Robert Burns, David Noakes, Caroline Browne, Clifford Browne, Christopher Browne, Pete Cain, Francisco Soriano, Philip Queripal, Gavin Spence, Heather Turner, Angela Uster.

Pray for all the recently departed, among them:

Mercia Warden, Nigel Penney, Michael Macmillan, Ray Willett, Bernice Bushau, John Paul Bushau, Thomas Robinson, Alf Ratcliff, James Turner, Roy Griffiths, Gail Griffiths, Charles Wright, Phyllis Macgregor, Esbeth Netion, Arthur John Cunnington, Anna Rautalainen, Fr Colin Tolworthy, Jill Logan, James Reid, Luiz Sergio de Castro, James Dempsey, Lyndsay Walker, Robert Watson.

YEAR'S MIND

Sunday 24th May

Louisa M Landon Jones, Erle Ada North, Walter Edmunds, Thomas Welburn

Monday 25th May

Helen Horsford Grigson

Tuesday 26th May

William Thomas Holbourn, Susan Smith, Horace Edward Golding, Lilian Howe

Wednesday 27th May

Emma McDowell, Constance Ingram, George Bertrand Coote, Gordon Sutherland Morris

Thursday 28th May

James Ainslie Stewart

Friday 29th May

Mary Helena Page-Henderson, Gertrude Edith Martin

Saturday 30th May

John Davey, Henry Pelham Archibald Douglas Pelham-Clinton, Neil Simpson

Times Fr Paul will be offering Private Daily prayer & Mass on Behalf of Parishioners

Services this Sunday, 24th May: Sunday after Ascension Seventh Sunday after Easter	9am 10am E 11am 6pm	Morning Prayer Prayers before the Blessed Sacrament Mass Evening Prayer
Tuesday 26th May: Feria	9am 6pm 6.30pm	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer Mass
Wednesday 27th May: Feria	9am 6pm	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
Thursday 28th May: Feria	9am 6pm 6.30pm	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer Mass
Friday 29th May: Feria	9am 6pm	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
Saturday 30th May: Feria	10am 10.30am 6pm	Morning Prayer Mass Evening Prayer
Services next Sunday, 31st May: <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	9am 10am 11am 6pm	Morning Prayer Prayers before the Blessed Sacrament Mass Evening Prayer

NOTICES

Many thanks to Fr Calum Zuckert for today's Sermon.

Thank you for the financial contributions to help keep the church running when we have had no collection.

Also many thanks for the anonymous gift of flowers for use in church – this was used at Easter.

A Mid-Easter Message from Fr Paul

Dear Friends

It does seem a long time since we have seen each other, gathered for worship and together received the sacraments. I am very aware of you as I say my daily prayers and offer the Mass. It is in these times of isolation that we can become more aware of the company of the Saints, that great cloud of witnesses that urges us on along the journey of faith for the victory they now enjoy. Standing in St Cuthbert's Church with its many images of the saints makes that company very visible. They have completed this journey and encourage us to stay faithful and strong. We too can have a sense of our own fellowship in Christ as we pray together yet separated by space from each other.

I know this is not quite enough for we need the physical presence of each other's company. This will impact on some more than others. We deeply miss the company of each other and the regular receiving of the sacraments. The very sacraments themselves are not only a spiritual communion but are physical realities too. It is not enough to have virtual communion any more than virtual communication with our loved ones is fully satisfactory.

The Churches have been struggling with how to keep in touch with their congregations. Many clergy have been very inventive and creative in continuing to offer virtual worship through the many ways to communicate in our computer age. These are a pale shadow of what we need as human beings. Yet this will be all that is on offer for many more weeks. I hope you appreciate the worship offered from St Cuthbert's. We are all very grateful to Quintin for his hard work in enabling this to happen. There have been many emails expressing your appreciation.

Our prayers must be with the medics, scientists and researchers who are working hard to find a way to fight this virus so that normal life can return. I have been making it my special intention to prayer for the medics and scientists, when I hear the Angelus bell ring at Midday at St Cuthbert's and I say, in this Easter season, the Regina Caeli. Maybe you can to stop and prayer at that time too.

It is a great privilege to be able to continue to offer the Mass and I offer the mass on your behalf. In the intercessions I picture your faces in my mind and name you before God as I stand at the Altar. I prayer that we will be together soon, that you remain strong and healthy. I hope this period of isolation will help us learn more about ourselves as individuals and as a community and a nation. May it help us to love and trust God more deeply for in him lies our real and lasting hope.

With my love and prayers

Fr Paul

Message from the Churchwardens and Father Paul

We hope and pray that you and your loved ones will remain healthy during this difficult time, where we have to find new ways to meet and worship.

One consequence of the "lockdown" is that church collections are no longer available. We are doing our best to save money (for example no longer heating the church) but we are doing our best to maintain the liturgy and music via video and sound recording, and we need to continue to pay the common fund, which covers clergy salaries and gives help for parishes that are more needy than ours.

We realise that some of you will be undergoing financial hardship, and your priority must be to get through this crisis, but some will be continuing to benefit from a salary or a pension. It has been possible for some time to plan giving to the Church via Standing Order, and so we are appealing for anyone who would like to and is able to continue giving to the Church during this crisis to do so in this way.

A Standing Order form can be obtained electronically from admin@saintcuthbert.org and returned to The Clergy House, St Cuthbert's Church, 50 Philbeach Gardens, London SW5 9EB

We are truly grateful for any support you can give.

Nicholas Green, Paul Hills, Father Paul

A provisional date of Sunday 11 October has been set for the APCM, following the 11am Mass.

<u>Useful resources on the internet</u> (links may also be found on our website):

Further resources for private prayer and worship you should find useful are:

(1) Devotions before the Blessed Sacrament (see link on our website)
(2) Stations of the Cross for Personal use (see link on our website)
(3) When Mass cannot be said publicly (see link on our website)

(4) The Prayer of Pope Francis when Holy Communion is not available to be received: *"At your feet, O my Jesus, I bow and offer you the repentance of my sorrowful contrite heart in its nothingness and Your holy presence.*I adore you in the Blessed Sacrament of your love, eager to receive you in the poor abode that my heart offers you.
Waiting for the happiness of sacramental communion, I want to possess you in spirit. Come to me, O my Jesus, for life and for death. I believe in you, I hope in you, I love you. *Amen*"

(5) **Universalis**, which includes readings for Mass, Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer <u>http://universalis.com/mass.htm</u>

(6) A RULE OF PRAYER FOR USE DURING THE PANDEMIC

The human and pastoral impact of the current pandemic is profound and wide-ranging, in this country, across Europe, and throughout much of the world. It is a unique and unfolding situation with unknown consequences for so many people, posing the most serious crisis since the Second World War. We are witnessing a great tragedy, and our hearts go out to all whose lives have been turned upside down by events beyond their control. It is the duty of all Christians to pray regularly each day and with disciplined determination for every aspect of this current crisis, now and in the many months ahead. In our communities, our kindness can be manifest in many practical ways; but our prayers can also reach where we cannot be, as we seek in both ways 'to put love in where love is not' and to banish fear in the name of Jesus Christ our Risen Lord.

Here is a simple rule of prayer for you to adopt with the prayers that you say each day.

Sunday

We pray for the continuing witness of the Christian Church throughout the world, especially in lands of conflict, poverty and persecution. We pray for our own churches and their clergy, and also for the bishops and all who lead the churches. We pray too for the leaders of other religious traditions and for the well-being of their communities here and abroad.

Monday

We pray for the Queen and her family, and also for the government with such heavy and difficult responsibilities and decisions. We pray for all who are working so hard in the civil service and in local government at this time. We pray for the emergency services, and especially for the police and the ambulance service and we give thanks for their courage and dedication.

Tuesday

We pray for the NHS, giving thanks for all the dedicated and courageous hard work and care being shown by so many medical professionals and their support staff in hospitals and surgeries across this country. We pray for the work of the pharmacists, and for scientists researching remedies for this new virus. We pray for all patients in hospital, especially those suffering from the coronavirus at this time.

Wednesday

We pray for all who bring care into the community, for social workers and therapists going into the homes of the very sick and disabled, and for those who work in the care homes for the elderly. We pray for all elderly and sick people and for their families at his time of isolation.

Thursday

We pray for those trying to sustain their businesses during this lock-down, for banks and other agencies of government providing support for employment. We pray for all who have lost their businesses and their jobs, and for the wellbeing of their families during a time of great anxiety.

Friday

We pray for all who have died this week in hospital or in care homes as a direct or indirect result of the coronavirus. We pray for their families and friends at this time of bereavement, and for clergy, undertakers and others conducting funerals in difficult circumstances: may they all know the compassion of Christ for them in their sorrow and darkness and loss.

Saturday

We pray for victims of this pandemic across the world. We commend to God our many friends who live abroad, and we pray for the poorer countries of the world where health-care is less well developed. We pray for a just distribution of health resources to tackle the impact of this pandemic.

Two prayers adapted from the Litany in the Book of Common Prayer

O God, our loving and merciful Father, you do not despise the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desires of such as are sorrowful. Mercifully assist our prayers that we make before you in all our troubles and adversities, whenever they oppress us; and graciously hear us, that those evils, which the malice of the devil now works against us may be brought to nothing, and by the providence of your goodness they may be dispersed. So that we your servants, being hurt by no persecution or affliction may evermore give thanks to you once again in your holy churches. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord, arise and help us, and deliver us from your Name's sake.

We humbly beg you, O Father, mercifully to look upon our weakness and vulnerability, and for the glory of your Name turn away from us all those evils that we rightly have deserved and all those which have come unsought for. Grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in your mercy and love, and evermore serve you in holiness and pureness of living, to your honour and glory. We ask this through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, make speed to save us: O Lord, make haste to help us. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, As it was in the beginning, is now and shall be forever. Amen.

A website by Fr Christopher Jamison providing thoughts and ideas for shaping the day when having to stay at home, drawing on monastic wisdom: https://www.alonetogether.org.uk/

The story of Holy Week told through 100 paintings: <u>https://www.christian.art/easter.php?utm_source=Christian+Art&utm_campaig</u> <u>n=826a0315be-</u> <u>EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_04_03_12_27&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_5</u>

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The Great Litany stems from a form of prayer used amongst the first Aramaicspeaking Christians in Antioch (modern Antakya in Turkey). It descends to us through the Constantineopolitan and Roman Liturgies, brought to the British Isles by St Augustine of Canterbury and made famous in the Irish Stowe Missal. Here the Chaplain introduces the Litany during the time of the recent plague when our congregation is stuck at home. The Chaplain sings the words. Please do join in!

<u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7dLZ3JhOuqo&feature=em-uploademail</u> Help, guidance and encouragement for parishes has been posted by the Diocese of London <u>https://www.london.anglican.org/support/coronavirus-covid-19/</u>.

For full and up-to-the-minute information about the Church of England and COVID-19

https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19guidance-churches.

Church of England resources are available for daily private prayer and worship <u>https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer</u>



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