

St Cuthbert's Church Earl's Court, SW5

Sunday 17th May 2020

Sixth Sunday of Easter St Matthias Sunday

11am Mass for Home Use



Welcome to St Cuthbert's

Celebrant: Fr Paul Bagott Preacher: Fr Simon Stokes

This Mass is celebrated at the St Matthias Altar in thanksgiving for the Feast of St Matthias

Introit: Vocal iucunditatis annunitate

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard, alleluia. Proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, 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

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, 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 (8: 5-8, 14-17)

Philip went down to a city of Samaria, and proclaimed to them the Christ. And the multitudes with one accord gave heed to what was said by Philip, when they heard him and saw the signs which he did. For unclean spirits came out of many who were possessed, crying with a loud voice; and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed. So there was much joy in that city.

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit; for it had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

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

Psalm 66 (vv. 7-end) follows the first reading and is sung by the choir

O praise our God, ye people: and make the voice of his praise to be heard; Who holdeth our soul in life: and suffereth not our feet to slip. For thou, O God, hast proved us: thou also hast tried us, like as silver is tried. Thou broughtest us into the snare: and laidest trouble upon our loins.

Thou sufferedst men to ride over our heads: we went through fire and water, and thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.

I will go into thine house with burntofferings: and will pay thee my vows, which I promised with my lips, and spake with my mouth, when I was in trouble.

I will offer unto thee fat burntsacrifices, with the incense of rams: I will offer bullocks and goats.

O come hither, and hearken, all ye that fear God: and I will tell you what he hath done for my soul.

I called unto him with my mouth: and gave him praises with my tongue.

If I incline unto wickedness with mine heart: the Lord will not hear me.

But God hath heard me: and considered the voice of my prayer.

Praised be God, who hath not cast out my prayer: nor turned his mercy from me.

The Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Peter (3: 15-18)

But in your hearts reverence Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to make a defence to any one who calls you to account for the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentleness and reverence; and keep your conscience clear, so that, when

you are abused, those who revile your good behaviour in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing right, if that should be God's will, than for doing wrong. For Christ also died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God. The Gospel

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.'

We remain standing to hear the gospel. When the Gospel is announced the

The Lord be with you

All: and with thy spirit.

Alleluia!

reader says:

▲ A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (14: 15-21)

All: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he will give you another Counsellor, to be with you for ever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him; you know him, for he dwells with you, and will be in you.

"I will not leave you desolate; I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world will see me no more, but you will see me; because I live, you will live also. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. He who has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me; and he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

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 Benedicite, gentes, dominum:

O bless the Lord our God, you peoples, and make the voice of his praise be heard; who has set my soul to live, and has not suffered my feet to be moved. Blessed be the Lord, who has not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me, alleluia.

Prayer over the Gifts:

We beseech thee, O Lord, to accept the prayers and oblations of thy faithful people: that through this observance of our bounden devotion, we may attain to the glory of thy heavenly kingdom; through 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.

(grant us thy peace).

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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.

The communion anthem 'If Ye Love Me' by Thomas Tallis (1505-1585) is sung by Jack Goulder

The Post-Communion Prayer

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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:

Jesus lives! Thy terrors now Can, O Death, no more appal us; Jesus lives! by this we know Thou, O grave, canst not enthral us. Alleluya!

Jesus lives! henceforth is death But the gate of life immortal; This shall calm our trembling breath, When we pass its gloomy portal. Alleluya!

Jesus lives! for us he died; Then, alone to Jesus living, Pure in heart may we abide, Glory to our Saviour giving. Alleluya! Jesus lives! our hearts know well Nought from us his love shall sever; Life, nor death, nor powers of hell Tear us from his keeping ever. Alleluya!

Jesus lives! to him the throne Over all the world is given; May we go where he is gone, Rest and reign with him in heaven. Alleluya!

New English Hymnal 112 Words: Christian Gellert (1715-1769), Tr. Frances Cox (1812-1897)

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.

YEAR'S MIND

Sunday 17th May

Sarah Capper, His Honour Michael Bradley Goodman, Donald Coggan (Archbishop of Canterbury)

Tuesday 19th May Jane Emma Spark

Wednesday 20th May

Frederica Ann Merriman, Maria Roberts, Mary Elizabeth Harris, Alan Cotgrove

Thursday 21st May

Charles Ernest Steele, Edith Annie Bridge, Axel Christian Pharo-Tomlin

Friday 22nd May

Emily Mary Bradley, Charles Green

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

Services this Sunday, 17th May: 9am Morning Prayer
Sixth Sunday of Easter 10am Prayers before the

Blessed Sacrament

11am Mass

6pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 19th May: 9am Morning Prayer Feria 6pm Evening Prayer

6.30pm Mass

Wednesday 20th May: 9am Morning Prayer

Feria 6pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 21st May: 9am Morning Prayer

The Ascension of the Lord 6pm Evening Prayer

6.30pm Mass

Friday 22nd May: 9am Morning Prayer

Feria 6pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 23rd May: 10am Morning Prayer

Feria 10.30am Mass

6pm Evening Prayer

Services next Sunday, 24th May: 9am Morning Prayer

Sunday after Ascension 10am Prayers before the

Blessed Sacrament

11am Mass

6pm Evening Prayer

NOTICES

Many thanks to Fr Simon Stokes 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.

May your love ignite my whole being, for life and 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 http://universalis.com/mass.htm

(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 well-being 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:

https://www.christian.art/easter.php?utm_source=Christian+Art&utm_campaig n=826a0315be-

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The Great Litany stems from a form of prayer used amongst the first Aramaic-speaking 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!

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

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-19-guidance-churches.

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



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