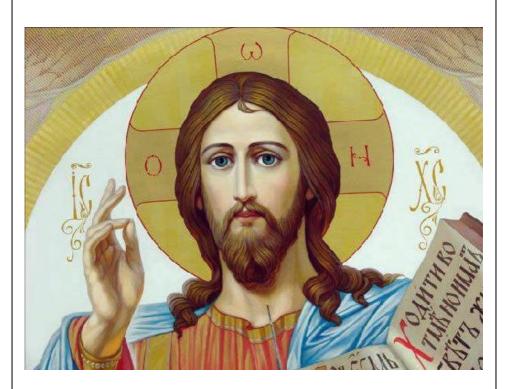


St Cuthbert's Church Earl's Court, SW5

Sunday 10th May 2020

Fifth Sunday of Easter

11am Mass for Home Use



Welcome to St Cuthbert's

Celebrant: Fr Paul Bagott Preacher: Fr Reg Bushau

Introit: Cantate Domino canticum

O sing a new song to the Lord, alleluia. For he has worked wonders, alleluia. In the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, 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.

The Collect

Amen.

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.

All: Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sit for the first reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Ch. 6: 1-7)

Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them.

And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

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

Psalm 31 (vv. 1-5) follows the first reading and is sung by the choir

In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion, deliver me in thy righteousness. Bow down thine ear to me: make haste to deliver me.

And be thou my strong rock, and house of defence: that thou mayest save me. For thou art my strong rock, and my castle: be thou also my guide, and lead me for thy Name's sake.

Draw me out of the net that they have laid privily for me: for thou art my strength.

The Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Peter (2: 4-9)

Come to him, to that living stone, rejected by men but in God's sight chosen and precious; and like living stones be yourselves built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

"Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and he who believes in him will not be put to shame." To you therefore who believe, he is precious, but for those who do not believe, "The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner," and "A stone that will make men stumble, a rock

that will make them fall"; for they stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, that you may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were no people but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy but now you have received mercy.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except

through me.'
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 (14: 1-12)

All: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

"Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come

again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way where I am going."

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also; henceforth you know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we shall be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you do not know me, Philip? He who has seen me has seen the Father; how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father in me; or else believe me for the sake of the works themselves.

"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I go to the Father.

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. Mand 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 Iubilate Deo, omnis terra

Shout with joy to God, all the earth; sing a psalm to his name. Come and hear, all who fear God, and I will tell you what great things the Lord has done for my soul, alleluia.

Prayer over the Gifts:

O God, who by the wonderful exchange effected in this sacrifice have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead, grant, we pray, that, as we have come to know your truth, we may make it ours by a worthy way of life. Through 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.

the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. (grant us thy peace). O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. (grant us thy peace).

O Lamb of God, that takest away

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 'Erleucht auch meine finstre Sinnen' by J. S. Bach (1685-1750) follows and is sung by Alexander Bower Brown

Illumine my dark thoughts as well, illumine my heart through the rays of your clear brilliance!
Your word shall be the brightest candle for me in all my doings; this will never let my soul initiate evil.

The Post-Communion Prayer

Assist us mercifully, O Lord our God: that we, who have in faithfulness received this holy Sacrament, may thereby be cleansed from all our iniquities, and delivered from all dangers that

beset us; 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:

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
First-begotten from the dead,
Thou alone, our strong defender,
Liftest up thy people's head.
Alleluya,
Jesu, true and living Bread!

Here our humblest homage pay we; Here in loving reverence bow; Here for Faith's discernment pray we, Lest we fail to know thee now. Alleluya, Thou art here, we ask not how.

Though the lowliest form doth veil thee

As of old in Bethlehem, Here as there thine angels hail thee, Branch and Flower of Jesse's stem. Alleluya,

We in worship join with them.

Paschal Lamb, thine Offering, finished Once for all when thou wast slain, In its fullness undiminished Shall for evermore remain, Alleluya, Cleansing souls from every stain.

Life-imparting heavenly Manna, Stricken Rock with streaming side, Heaven and earth with loud hosanna Worship thee, the Lamb who died, Alleluya, Risen, ascended, glorified!

New English Hymnal 296 Words: G. H. Bourne (1840-1925)

'Hostias' from *Requiem* by Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924).

This was sung at Charles Wright's funeral on Thursday.

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, Phillip 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.

YEAR'S MIND

Sunday 10th May

Frederick Goldsworthy Croom (Priest), Margaret Ellinor Wyer, Margaret Barker, Christiana Mary Clark-Travers

Monday 11th May

Alice Maggie Lade, Margaret Dodd, Sidney Weeks

Tuesday 12th May

John Collett, Chas Noverre, Innis Willcocks, Elfrida Charlotte (Lady) Tenterden

Wednesday 13th May

Laura Sandeman, Louisa Fyfe, Jane Burgeman, Amy Paine, Willoughby Carter (Priest), Marjorie Tyrell Lewis

Thursday 14th May

Janet Emily Murray, Vicky Stanfield

Friday 15th May

Robert Radcliffe Dolling (Priest), Margaret Browne, Clifford Jones (Priest)

Saturday 16th May

Martha Humby, Alice Gilbert, Margery Lettice Tomlinson, Mary Lucy Bannister

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

Services this Sunday, 10th May: 9am Morning Prayer

Fifth Sunday of Easter 10am Prayers before the

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11am Mass

6pm Evening Prayer

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6.30pm Mass

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Thursday 14th May: 9am Morning Prayer

Feria 6pm Evening Prayer

6.30pm Mass

Friday 15th May: 9am Morning Prayer

Feria 6pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 16th May: 10am Morning Prayer

Feria 10.30am Mass

6pm Evening Prayer

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

Blessed Sacrament

11am Mass

6pm Evening Prayer

NOTICES

Many thanks to Fr Reg Bushau 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 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.

Useful resources on the internet (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.
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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

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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