

**Parish Communion    Fourth of Easter    11 May 2025**

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Preacher: The Rector

**First Reading:** *Acts 9: vv36-43*

**Gospel:** *John 10: vv22-30*

**Welcome:**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**Opening Hymn:** *Jerusalem the golden*

The Lord be with you

**and also with you.**

Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**Prayer of Preparation**

**Almighty God,**

**to whom all hearts are open,**

**all desires known,**

**and from whom no secrets are hidden;**

**cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by**

**the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,**

**that we may perfectly love you,**

**and worthily magnify your holy name'**

**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Prayers of Penitence**

Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.

Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and

evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,**

**We have sinned against you,**

**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 your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,**

**Forgive us all that is past;**

**And grant that we may serve you in newness of life**

**To the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you. Pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Glory to God in the highest**

**and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, Heavenly King, Almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks,**

**we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father**

**receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,**

**you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit.**

**In the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Collect**

Risen Christ,

faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:

teach us to hear your voice

and to follow your command,

that all your people may be gathered into one flock,

to the glory of God the Father

**Amen.**

**First Reading:** *Acts 9: vv36-43 Sam Ward*

**Gradual Hymn:** *All my days I will sing this song of gladness*

Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life.

Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,

And whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.' **Alleluia.**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel:** *John 10: vv22-30 – The Rector*

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon:** *The Rector*

**Affirmation of Faith:**

Let us affirm our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ:

**Christ died for our sins**

**in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he was buried;**

**he was raised to life on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures;  
afterwards he appeared to his followers,  
and to all the apostles:  
this we have received, and this we believe. Amen**

**Prayers of Intercession:** *Michael Taylor*

### **The Peace**

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you  
**and also with you. Alleluia!**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

**Offertory Hymn:** *The King of love my shepherd is*

### **Preparation of the Table**

Be present, be present,  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
our risen high priest;  
make yourself known in the breaking of bread. **Amen.**

### **Eucharistic Prayer E**

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
almighty and eternal Father,  
and in these days of Easter  
to celebrate with joyful hearts  
the memory of your wonderful works.  
For by the mystery of his passion  
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,  
has conquered the powers of death and hell  
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.

He has placed them once more in paradise  
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.  
And so, in the joy of this Passover,  
earth and heaven resound with gladness,  
while angels and archangels  
and the powers of all creation  
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Bless'd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body  
and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying,  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Jesus Christ is Lord:  
**Lord, by your cross and resurrection  
you have set us free.  
You are the Saviour of the world.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once  
for the sins of the whole world'  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection  
and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise  
and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who eat this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of [*Mary and*] all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever. **Amen**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us: 'Our Father'

### **Breaking of the Bread**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

### **Agnus Dei**

**Jesus, Lamb of God; have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins; have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world; Grant us peace.**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

**Music during Communion:** *I watch the sunrise*

### **Post Communion Collect**

Merciful Father,  
you gave your Son Jesus Christ  
to be the good shepherd,  
and in his love for us  
to lay down his life and rise again:  
keep us always under his protection,  
and give us grace to follow in his steps;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Almighty God,**

**we thank you for feeding us**

**with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.**

**Send us out in the power of your Spirit**

**to live and work**

**to your praise and glory. Amen**

**Closing Hymn:** *I will sing the wondrous story*

## **Notices**

### **The Blessing**

God the Father,  
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,  
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

He is not here. He is risen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**Alleluia. Alleluia.**