

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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

OPENING PRAYER

Graciously hear our supplications, O Lord, so that we, who believe that the Saviour of the human race is with you in your glory, may experience, as he promised, until the end of the world, his abiding presence among us..

FIRST READING *1:15-17.20-26*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

One day Peter stood up to speak to the brothers - there were about a hundred and twenty persons in the congregation: 'Brothers, the passage of scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit, speaking through David, foretells the fate of Judas, who offered himself as a guide to the men who arrested Jesus - after having been one of our number and actually sharing this ministry of ours.

'In the Book of Psalms it says:

Let someone else take his office.

'We must therefore choose someone who has been with us the whole time that the Lord Jesus was travelling around with us, someone who was with us right from the time when John was baptising until the day when he was taken up from us - and he can act with us as a witness to his resurrection.' Having nominated two candidates, Joseph known as Barsabbas, whose surname was Justus, and Matthias, they prayed, 'Lord, you can read everyone's heart; show us therefore which of these two you have chosen to take over this ministry and apostolate, which Judas abandoned to go to his proper place'. They then drew lots for them, and as the lot fell to Matthias, he was listed as one of the twelve apostles.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 102*

Response:

The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord; all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. (R.)
2. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. (R.)
3. The Lord has set his sway in heaven and his kingdom is ruling over all. Give thanks to the Lord, all his angels, mighty in power, fulfilling his word. (R.)

SECOND READING *4:11-16*

A reading from the first letter of St John

My dear people, since God has loved us so much, we too should love one another.

No one has ever seen God; but as long as we love one another God will live in us and his love will be complete in us. We can know that we are living in him and he is living in us because he lets us share his Spirit. We ourselves saw and we testify that the Father sent his Son as saviour of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him, and he in God. We ourselves have known and put our faith in God's love towards ourselves. God is love and anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him. *The word of the Lord.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I will not leave your orphans says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia!

GOSPEL *17:11-19*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: 'Holy Father, keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be one like us. While I was with them, I kept those you had given me true to your name. I have watched over them and not one is lost except the one who chose to be lost, and this was to fulfil the scriptures. But now I am coming to you and while still in the world I say these things to share my joy with them to the full. I passed your word on to them, and the world hated them, because they belong to the world no more than I belong to the world. I am not asking you to remove them from the world, but to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world, and for their sake I consecrate myself so that they too may be consecrated in truth.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful with the sacrificial offerings, that through these acts of devotedness we may pass over to the glory of heaven.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Hear us, O God our Saviour, and grant us confidence, that through these sacred mysteries there will be accomplished in the body of the whole Church what has already come to pass in Christ her Head.

GOSPEL REFLECTION



What basics of Jesus' Ministry can be clearly seen in today's gospel? What passages indicate that Jesus was fully aware of his mission and knew he would leave behind a changed community of followers?

How well are you prepared to live in a world that does not recognize Jesus' teachings, or tries to ignore them?

What is the difference between being in the world and not belonging to the world? How can you be in the world and still not belong to it?

How does the Eucharist celebration on Sunday prepare you to face the world each week? How does Scripture give you direction as you go about your daily life?

What does it mean to sanctify? How are you sanctified by following Jesus' teachings?

Why do you think some people are uncomfortable around Christians who follow Jesus and actively show love for all people?

How can you bring change to an unloving and uncaring world? Why are you asked to love others even if you are not loved in return? Is this difficult to do?

GOSPEL ACTION

How many worldly values can you think of which you do not agree with? How many of these values are part of your life? What are you doing to rid yourself of these values?

Readings – Pentecost Sunday Year ABC

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Second Reading: 2 Cor. 12:3-7. 12-13

Gospel: John 20: 19-23

Homily

16th May 2021 – 7th Sunday of Easter, Year B

Dear friends, on Thursday we celebrated the Feast of the Ascension, the glorification of Jesus when the Father raised him up in glory. Jesus who suffered and died and who now reigns in glory at the right hand of the Father.

The Ascension of the Lord is seen as the culmination of Jesus' life as we look forward to next weekend and to Pentecost, the Feast of the Holy Spirit and the start of the Church. The Feast of the Ascension is an important one for us, Jesus' Ascension shows us the goal of our earthly journey when one day we hope that we too will share with him that eternal glory of Heaven.

We are now in the novena, the nine days between Jesus' Ascension and Pentecost. These are the days that are given to us to prepare for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In these days our prayer is, 'Come Holy Spirit' and we can remember that the Spirit constantly wishes to be poured out upon us.

This year we are invited to join in praying the Pentecost Novena for the Care of Creation. We are invited to respond in prayer and action to the urgent climate change issues that we all face at the present time and to pray together over these days leading up to Pentecost reflecting on the account of creation in the book of Genesis.

The Pentecost Novena has been sent out electronically to all those who are on our email list. It can also be found by following the link on the Homepage of the Parish website and on the Parish Facebook and Twitter. For those who don't have online access printed copies are available at the back of Church. Please do try and make every effort to join in this Novena prayer together.

Loving God, Creator of Heaven and Earth,
Enable us to succeed in listening and responding to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor. Send forth your Spirit O Lord and renew the face of the earth.
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.

We have a lot to pray for at the moment, as well as the Novena for the Care of Creation, this month we are praying the Rosary as suggested by Pope Francis for an end to the pandemic. I would like to request also that we pray especially for the people of the Middle East, particularly in the Holy Land where we have seen the escalation of violence over these last weeks.

Let's pray for peace and an end to the violence and the troubles there.

Sending love and remembering you in my prayers, **Fr Phil x.**

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As we get ready to celebrate Pentecost in faith and trust we bring all our prayers before God Our Father.

For Pope Francis, Bishop Mark and all the leaders of the Church: may they be true shepherds to the flock of Christ.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For ourselves and all Christians: may we be fruitful branches of the vine reaching out to all in God's love; Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For all peoples that they may be drawn together in the unity and peace of the Holy Spirit, we especially pray for peace in the Holy Land.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For all those in our parish who are sick, housebound or struggling in any way that that they may experience the healing love and grace of Christ.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For our parish and our local community: that through the grace of God we may hear the urgent cry of the earth and of the poor and be inspired to respond at this crucial time. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For all the faithful departed especially **Joan Dyer, Dermot Morgan** and all those who have died recently: **“Eternal rest grant unto them...”**

For all those who mourn the loss of loved ones; may Christ's message of hope in eternal life bring them comfort and consolation.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We ask Our Lady and all the Saints to join their prayers with ours as we say: **“Hail Mary...”**

Loving Father,

In faith and love we offer these and all our prayers to you,
through Jesus your Son,
who is Christ Our Lord. Amen.

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Spiritual Communion

Prayer of St Alphonsus

My Jesus,
I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar.
I love you above all things and
I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come spiritually into my soul
so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever.
Amen.

CAFOD Prayer for Glasgow

Creator God,
We cry out to you
The earth is damaged and in chaos
People in poverty are suffering the most
Greed and consumerism are a disease
And your Church is too often asleep

Merciful Lord,
Protect your people and restore your earth,
Embolden governments to take action,
Awaken Church leaders
Give the youth influence
And guide businesses to change

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord
May we unite and be bold
Take heart and find hope in you,
Worship you with our lifestyles
Walk in your truth
and see justice and renewal in the earth

Amen