
ST JOHN'S N4

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sunday 21st May 2023



Please pray:

- For the Church of the Province of the West Indies.
- For those retired from paid work.

Welcome to St John's! This sheet has everything you need to follow what is going on. The writing in the grey italics gives instructions. The text in normal type will be spoken by a priest, reader or other member of the congregation. We all join in with the bold type.

Please stand when the bell rings and the altar party enters.

Opening Hymn

All hail the power of Jesu's
name;
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem
To crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, ye morning stars of
light,
Who fixed this floating ball;
Now hail the Strength of Israel's
might,
And crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, ye martyrs of your
God,
Who from his altar call;
Praise him whose way of pain
ye trod,
And crown him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
Ye ransomed of the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his
grace,
And crown him Lord of all.

Hail him, ye heirs of David's
line,
Whom David Lord did call;
The God incarnate, Man divine,
And crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er
forget
The wormwood and the gall,
Go spread your trophies at his
feet,
And crown him Lord of all.

Let every tribe and every
tongue
To him their hearts enthrall,
Lift high the universal song,
And crown him Lord of all.

Edward Perronet

In the Name of the Father, and of
the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Sprinkling with Holy Water

*The celebrant blesses the water, before
sprinkling the congregation. During the
sprinkling the congregation sing:*

*Water of life, cleanse and refresh
us;*

raise us to life in Christ Jesus.
All you who thirst,
come to the waters,
and you will never
be thirsty again.
Water of life...

Dying with Christ,
so we shall rise with him,
death shall no longer
have power over us.
Water of life...

Absolution

*The celebrant prays for the forgiveness
of our sins, to which we respond:*

Amen.

The Gloria

Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest.

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.

Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest.

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.

Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest.

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.
Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest.

The Collect

*We remain standing for the Collect, to
which we respond:*

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Acts 1:6-14

So when they had come together,
they asked him, 'Lord, is this the
time when you will restore the
kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It
is not for you to know the times
or periods that the Father has set
by his own authority. But you will
receive power when the Holy Spirit
has come upon you; and you will
be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all
Judea and Samaria, and to the ends
of the earth.' When he had said this,
as they were watching, he was lifted
up, and a cloud took him out of their

sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

We say the Response:

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;

before whom shall I shrink? **R**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life, to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple. **R**

O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer.

Of you my heart has spoken: 'Seek God's face.' **R**

Second Reading

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith,

for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

This is Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

We stand for the Gospel reading.

Alleluia! 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! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

John 17:1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have

given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

And the end of the Gospel:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit for the sermon.

The Creed

Please stand for the Creed.

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus
Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the
Father,
God from God, Light from
Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were
made.

For us and for our salvation,
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy
Spirit
and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was
buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the
Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father.

He will come again in glory to
judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no

end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father
and the Son,
who with the Father and
the Son is worshipped and
glorified,
who has spoken through the
Prophets.
We believe in one holy
catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection
of the dead,
and the life of the world to
come. Amen.

The Intercessions

*In the intercessions, we make this, or
another response:*

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The Peace

*Please remain standing as the
celebrant introduces the Peace.*

The peace of the Lord be always
with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of
peace.

Offertory Hymn

Christ triumphant, ever
reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives

sustaining,
hear us as we sing:
*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal
name.*

Word incarnate, truth
revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
power and majesty concealing
by your humble birth:
Yours the glory...

Suffering servant, scorned, ill-
treated,
victim crucified!
death is through the cross
defeated,
sinners justified:
Yours the glory...

Priestly king, enthroned for
ever
high in heaven above!
sin and death and hell shall
never
stifle hymns of love:
Yours the glory...

So, our hearts and voices
raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:
Yours the glory...

Michael Saward

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Invitation to Prayer is said:

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my
sacrifice and yours may be
acceptable to God, the almighty
Father.

May the Lord accept the
sacrifice at your hands, for the
praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of
all his holy Church. Amen.

*The priest then prays the Prayer over
the Gifts to which we respond:*

Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.
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.**

*The priest praises God for his mighty
acts, and we say the Sanctus and
Benedictus:*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of
your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in
the Highest.
Blessed is he who comes,
in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the Highest.

The priest prays the prayer of consecration, and this acclamation is said:

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

The Prayer continues, leading into the doxology, which ends:

... for ever and ever.
Amen.

The priest introduces the Lord's Prayer:

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.

Breaking of Bread

The priest breaks the consecrated host:

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.

We sing the Agnus Dei:

Lamb of God, you take away
the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away
the sins of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away
the sins of the world:
grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

Behold Lamb of God, who takes
away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to
his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to
receive you,
but only say the word, and I
shall be healed.

If you are baptised in the name of the Trinity, and are used to receiving communion, you are very welcome to do so here. Otherwise, you may like to come forward for a blessing. Please just bow your head as the priest comes to you.

Communion is available in both kinds. If you do not feel comfortable receiving from the common cup, it is perfectly valid to just receive the Host. If you would prefer to just receive in one kind, return to your seat before the chalice comes to you.

Please do not intinct (dip the bread into the wine). This is not permitted.

Communion Hymn

Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't
know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?

Will you leave your self behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare,
will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean
and do such as this unseen,

and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you
hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've
found
to reshape the world around
through my sight and touch
and sound
in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes
true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps
show.
Thus I'll move and live and
grow
in you and you in me.

John L Bell

Post Communion

*We stand as the celebrant prays, to
which we respond.*

Amen.

The Blessing

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

...and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy
Spirit,
be among you and remain with you
always.

Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Final Hymn

Guide me, O my great
Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren
land;
I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your powerful
hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of
heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
where the healing waters flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong
Deliverer,
ever be my strength and shield,
ever be my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of
Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's
Destruction,

land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of
praises
I will ever sing to you,
I will ever sing to you.

William Williams

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.

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary,
Alleluia.

For the Lord is risen indeed,
Alleluia.

This Week

Tuesday 23rd	<i>Easter Feria</i>
8.30am	Morning Prayer at St Thomas's
Wednesday 24th	<i>Easter Feria</i>
8.30am 7.30pm	Morning Prayer Mass at St Thomas's
Thursday 25th	<i>St Bede the Venerable</i>
8.30am 10.00am 10.30am - 12.30pm	Morning Prayer Mass Renew N4
Friday 26th	<i>St Philip Neri</i>
8.30am	Morning Prayer at St Thomas's
Sunday 28th	Pentecost
11.00am	Parish Eucharist

Notices

The **Singing Group** will be beginning rehearsals again after Mass next Sunday (28th). We will be preparing some music to sing at St Thomas's Patronal Festival on Sunday 2nd July at 6pm.

The **Finsbury Park Sisters** are a group of women from local churches and mosques who meet regularly for fellowship and activities. On Tuesday 23rd May they will be going on a trip to Westminster Cathedral for a free guided tour. They'll meet at Finsbury Park station at 10am, or outside of the Cathedral at 10.45am. Please let Mthr Alice know if you wish to come.

The next **Monday Movies** at St Thomas's is on Monday, 22nd May. The film will be *The Last Bus* starring Timothy Spall and Phyllis Logan. Refreshments from 7pm with the film beginning at 7.30pm.

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