



Mass Book for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 8th May 2022 (Year C)
Celebrant & Preacher - Fr David Herbert

Welcome to St Mary's for this Mass. The sound system here incorporates an induction loop to help the users of hearing aids. Please switch your hearing aid to the 'T' setting to make use of it.

This booklet contains the whole service and follows through without announcement.

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When the bell rings please STAND and sing the Opening Hymn, NEH 121.

**THIS joyful Eastertide,
Away with sin and sorrow.
My Love, the Crucified,
Hath sprung to life this morrow:**

**Refrain: Had Christ, that once was slain,
Ne'er burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now hath Christ arisen.**

**My flesh in hope shall rest,
And for a season slumber:
Till trump from east to west
Shall wake the dead in number: \mathcal{R}**

**Death's flood hath lost his chill,
Since Jesus crossed the river:
Lover of souls, from ill
My passing soul deliver: \mathcal{R}**

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The Entrance Antiphon (Cf. Ps 32:5-6) is said by the priest without a response from the people:

Priest: The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

Priest: 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 your spirit.

Priest: Dear friends, this water will be used to remind us of our baptism.
Let us ask God to bless it and keep us faithful to the Spirit he has
given us.

God our Father your gift of water brings life and freshness to the
earth; it washes away our sins and brings us eternal life. We ask
you now to bless ✠ this water, and to give us your protection on
this day which you have made your own. Renew the living spring of
your life within us and protect us in spirit and body, that we may be
free from sin and come into your presence to receive your gift of
salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

*The priest sprinkles himself, the choir and servers, and then moves through the church for the
sprinkling of the people. During this the choir and congregation sing Water of Life.*

✠ **Water of Life cleanse and refresh us:
raise us to life in Christ Jesus.**

When all have been sprinkled, the Priest says:

Priest: May almighty God cleanse us of our sins, and through the
celebration of this Eucharist make us worthy to share at the table of
his Kingdom. **Amen.**

**All: Glory, glory to God, glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace, peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, Heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord God, Heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.**

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**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy one,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
you alone are the Most High.
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory, the glory of God the Father,
in the glory, the glory of God the Father,
Amen, amen, amen, amen.**

Priest: Let us pray.

Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please SIT for the Readings.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (13:14,43-52)

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the Sabbath and took their seats. When the meeting broke up many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them. The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said: I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.' It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside. But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please **REMAIN SEATED** for the Psalm (Ps 99:1-3, 5. *R* v.3). The Response is:

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R **We are his people, the sheep of his flock.**

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come before him, singing for joy. *R*

Know that he, the Lord, is God.

He made us, we belong to him,

we are his people, the sheep of his flock. *R*

Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.

He is faithful from age to age. *R*

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse (7:9,14-17)

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Please **STAND** and greet the Gospel.

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia!

All: Alleluia, alleluia!

Choir: I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep and my own know me

All: Alleluia!

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: A Reading from the holy Gospel according to John (10:27-30)

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: 'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me. The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Please **SIT** when invited for the homily, then **STAND** for the Creed and Intercessions.

As it is Eastertide, the Apostles' Creed is used. It is the personal statement of belief used at Baptism, and Eastertide is particularly associated with Holy Baptism.

**All: I believe in God,
the Father almighty
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
(at the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow)
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.**

The response to the intercessions will be

Lord, hear us: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Petitioner: Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

All: And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Petitioner: May they rest in peace, **and rise in glory.**

At the end of the intercessions and before a brief time of silence, we ask the prayers of Our Lady, saying:

**All: Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee:
blessèd art thou among women,
and blessèd is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners, now,
and at the hour of our death.**

Please SIT when the Junior Church members return and present their work, then STAND to sing the Offertory Hymn, NEH 112. A collection is taken and the Altar is prepared.

**JESUS lives! thy terrors now
Can, O Death, no more appal us;
Jesus lives! by this we know
Thou, O grave, canst not enthrall 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!**

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

All: 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.

Priest: Grant, we pray, O Lord, that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries, so that the renewal constantly at work within us may be the cause of our unending joy. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

The celebrant continues with the Preface until we sing:

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All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts.**
Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes,
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Blessed is he who comes,
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Those who are able please KNEEL, otherwise REMAIN STANDING. Only the most infirm should be sitting at this point.

Priest: The mystery of faith.

All: **Save us, Saviour of the world,**
for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

At the end of the Eucharistic prayer the celebrant sings:

Priest: Through him and with him and in him. **Amen.**
O God almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
All glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

After the doxology, please STAND and sing:

All: **Blessed and praised be Jesus Christ**
In the most Holy Sacrament.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in excelsis.

Priest: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

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.

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And with your spirit.

The Sign of Peace is NOT offered, in accordance with the Archbishops' instructions.

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

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Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

**All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

The Communion Antiphon is said by the priest without a response from the people:

Priest: The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

Communion takes place. Please make your way forward quietly when directed. On returning to your seat please sit and remain silent until we sing the Communion Hymn, NEH 307.

**SWEET Sacrament divine,
Hid in thine earthly home,
Lo, round thy lowly shrine,
With suppliant hearts we come;
Jesu, to thee our voice we raise
In songs of love and heartfelt praise:
Sweet Sacrament divine, sweet Sacrament divine.**

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**Sweet Sacrament of peace
Dear home for every heart
Where restless yearnings cease
And sorrows all depart;
There in thine ear all trustfully
We tell our tale of misery;
Sweet Sacrament of peace, sweet Sacrament of peace.**

**Sweet sacrament of rest,
Ark from the ocean's roar,
Within thy shelter blest
Soon may we reach the shore;
Save us, for still the tempest raves,
Save, lest we sink beneath the waves:
Sweet Sacrament of rest, sweet Sacrament of rest.**

**Sweet Sacrament divine,
Earth's light and jubilee,
In thy far depths doth shine
The Godhead's majesty;
Sweet light, so shine on us, we pray
That earthly joys may fade away:
Sweet Sacrament divine, sweet Sacrament divine.**

Please STAND for the Post Communion Prayer.

Priest: Let us pray.

Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd, and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures the sheep you have redeemed by the Precious Blood of your Son. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please SIT when invited for the Notices, then STAND for the Blessing.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: May Almighty God bless you, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Please REMAIN STANDING while the altar party moves to the statue of Our Lady. When they have arrived the following anthem will be sung.

**All: 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!**

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∇ Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

∇ **For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.**

Priest: Let us pray.

O God, who through the resurrection of thine only begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, didst vouchsafe to give joy unto the whole world: grant that, aided by the prayers of his mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through Christ, our Lord . **Amen.**

Priest: Go in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please REMAIN STANDING to sing the Processional Hymn, NEH 263, vv 1-4, 7.



**ALL creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluya, Alleluya!**

**Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam:**

Refrain:

**O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!**

**Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise him, Alleluya!**

**Thou rising moon, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice: R̄**

**Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluya, Alleluya!**

**Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest man both warmth and light: R̄**

**Dear mother earth, who day by day
Unfoldest blessings on our way,
O praise him, Alleluya!**

**The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
Let them his glory also show: R̄**

**Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, Alleluya!**

**Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, three in One: R̄**

Please REMAIN STANDING until the Choir has processed out.

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**The Mass Book** is not sponsored this week.

( *Information correct as of Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May.* )

**The Offertory Gifts** are not sponsored this week.

( *Information correct as of Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May.* )

**The Sanctuary Lamp** is not sponsored this week.

( *Information correct as of Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May.* )

**The Flowers** are not sponsored this week.

( *Information correct as of Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May.* )  
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Notices

There are no weekday Masses this week.

Alongside our congratulations to **Canon Clive Jones** on having been installed as an Honorary Canon of Rochester Cathedral last Sunday, we pray for him as he prepares to become the next priest at St John's, Higham, after the retirement of Fr James Southward last year. At present, the plan is that he will leave St Augustine's Belvedere at the end of this month and is aiming to begin his ministry in Higham at the end of June.

We pray for Bishop Jonathan Gibbs, presently Bishop of Huddersfield, as he prepares to become **Bishop of Rochester**; his Enthronement will be in September.

By the doors to the narthex is a noticeboard. On it you'll find the sponsorship sheets (for **flowers, offertory gifts, the Mass Book** and sanctuary lamp) - Sandra is ready to receive your money! You can fill in the spaces months in advance if you like. Please speak to Fr Dane or to Sandra with any questions.

Covid-19 restrictions remain in force here: **we require masks for public worship** (especially for singing and for larger congregations) and there will be no immediate changes to our worship. Any relaxations will be after Easter. **You should not be gathering in the building after Mass** but should leave once the service is finished. The NHS will remain in the hall for the foreseeable future. There is of course no restriction on you meeting up with other members of the congregation for a 'cuppa and catch-up' elsewhere and there are places in the town and further afield where you can do this. The Church Council is keeping all this under review and will be looking to make progress at a rate which keeps the most vulnerable as safe as possible.

Please keep silence in church before and after services: talking, even quietly, disturbs others and is disrespectful to God and to our neighbour. Once you have moved into the worship space you should observe silence.

Our **website** can be found at www.swanleyparish.org.uk. Also online, you can go to www.justgiving.com/stmarys-swanley if you wish to give by credit or debit card. You can enhance your donation with Gift Aid if you wish.

If you are on any **rotas**, please ensure that you enter all of your dates in your diary. If you can't be at Church on any of your dates, do arrange to swap with someone on the rota. *Please don't just "not turn up."*

Dates for your diary

The **Parish Annual Meetings** will take place in Church following the 10am Mass on **Sunday 22nd May**. Full details can be found in the May Newsletter.

Sunday 8th May – Fourth of Easter

Prayer Intention – Our Parish Family

10am Parish Mass

No Evening Prayer Today

Monday 9th May – Feria

Prayer Intention – The residents of Kennett Court

No Mass Today

Tuesday 10th May – Feria

Prayer Intention – The people of Spain

No Mass Today

Wednesday 11th May – Feria

Prayer Intention – The growth of our Church

No Coffee Morning Today

No Mass Today

Thursday 12th May – Feria

Prayer Intention – Those travelling at home and abroad

No Mass Today

Friday 13th May – Feria

Prayer Intention – The people of Portugal

No Mass Today

Saturday 14th May – S Matthias

Prayer Intention – The spread of the Gospel

No Mass Today

Sunday 15th May – Fifth of Easter

Prayer Intention – Our Parish Family

10am Parish Mass

5pm Evening Prayer

Pray for the Sick:

Alison Simes, Ashley Roast,
Ann Ellis, Carly Ellis,
Maddy Kelly, Karen Conolly,
George Fitzpatrick, George Hatch,
Marie Boswell, Connie Hatch,
Julia Mortley, John Pomeroy,
Tony Hormans, Pamela Bartle,
Barbara Walton, Lois Kinseher,
Virginia Berdugo, Irene Bassett,
Brian Wilson

The Recently Departed:

Violet Lee, Luke Homes,
John Sadler, Daniel Spencer,
William Ware, Kehinde Lawson,
Michael Walton

**Those whose Anniversaries are
this Week:**

Sunday 8th May

Monday 9th May

Thomas Kennett, Elizabeth Glenbot,
May Glover, George Johnson,
Christine French, Christine Carlton

Tuesday 10th May

Rosemary Le May, Lilian Hammond

Wednesday 11th May

Ivy Hazeldene, Frank Wakerell,
Florrie Fordham

Thursday 12th May

Emma Allen, Keith Blew

Friday 13th May

Doris Fallows

Saturday 14th May

John Owens, Leslie Enderby,
Spencer Jones

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