

Fifth Sunday of Easter

10th May 2020



OPENING HYMN

Sing of Christ, proclaim His glory, sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story, to the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking, soon the storms of time shall cease;
In God's likeness, people, waking, know the everlasting peace.

O what glory, far exceeding all that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts for ages pleading never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it, there on high our welcome waits;
Ev'ry humble spirit shares it, Christ has passed th'eternal gates.

Life eternal! Heaven rejoices: Jesus lives who once was dead:
Shout with joy, O deathless voices! Child of God, lift up your head!
Patriarchs from distant ages, saints all longing for their heaven,
Prophets, psalmists, seers and sages, all await the glory giv'n.

Life eternal! O what wonders crowd on faith, what joy unknown,
When, amid earth's closing thunders, saints shall stand before the throne!
O to enter that bright portal, see that glowing firmament,
Know, with you, O God immortal, Jesus Christ whom you have sent!

FIRST READING: Acts 6:1-7

The elected seven men full of the Holy Spirit.

PSALM RESPONSE: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:4-9

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
No one can come to the Father except through me.' Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 14:1-12

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven, (*as we say the words in italics, we bow*) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day 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. I 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 adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERTORY

O sanctissima is sung, in honour of Our Lady.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

As the congregation are unable to receive Holy Communion at this time, we are invited to pray a prayer of Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

O esca viatorium is sung.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

The temple of the living God
Is built of living stones,
A holy people, called to live
By light of Christ alone.
With special joy we celebrate
The words the psalmist said:
'The stone the builders cast aside
Is now the corner's head!'

The temple of the living God
Is set secure above,
Where Christ invites the world to share
His perfect reign of love.
And we who seek the Father's face
Are summoned to obey,
And follow where He goes before,
The Life, the Truth, the Way.

The temple of the living God
Upon the earth must grow,
And those of ev'ry race and class
His true compassion know.
The widow and the fatherless
Receive a special care,
Till all creation, just and free,
His perfect peace will share.