

First Reading
Read by Bridget Kemp

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' ⁷He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But 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.' ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They 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.'¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When 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. ¹⁴All 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

Second reading
Read by Dana Howard

A reading from the first letter of Peter

¹²Beloved, 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. ¹³But 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. ¹⁴If 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. ⁶Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And 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. ¹¹To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

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Gradual Hymn:

231 Look, ye saints, the sight is glorious

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, **Alleluia, Alleluia,**

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord. I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice.

Alleluia, **Alleluia, Alleluia,**

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

Glory to You O Lord

17 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, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. ⁶'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. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for 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. ⁹I 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. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you O Christ

The Prayers

The prayers are led by Robert Marjoram

Those for who prayers have been asked:

For those on active service in places of danger

Dick and Caroline Seed our CMS Missionaries

The Migrant and Refugee Crisis

Visitors to the Top Up Shop and Family First

3. Jats Gosal, Julie Lawrence.
2. Linda Best, Eileen, Becki and Denis Cook, Tanya, Sue Doe, Mary Mitson-Woods, Louise.
1. Debbie Shaves, Jayne Versey, John Pickering, Patricia Perry.

Those who have died recently

Ray Farrow
Edward Pettingale
Margriet Ward.

We remember the anniversary of death of

Herbert Harvey May 18 2008
Pam Neesam May 18 2025
Ken Frost May 21 2016
Tom Wall May 22 2012

Offertory Hymn:

227 Crown him with many crowns

Communion Hymns:

230 Holy forever and ever is God

226 Come, see the Lord in his breathtaking splendour

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Recessional Hymn:

224 Ascended Christ, who gained

Please remember to pray for the following friends of our
Parish who are not able to worship with us at this time.
Vera Emeny, Rita Appleton, Malcolm Starsmoore,
Sheila Page, Jeanette Budinger,