

**'I have trodden the winepress
alone,
and from the peoples no one was
with me.'**

**I will recount the steadfast love of
the Lord,
the praises of the Most High;**

**All that God has done for us in his
mercy,
by his many acts of love.**

**For God said, 'Surely, they are my
people,
my children who will not deal
falsely',
and he became their Saviour in all
their distress.**

**So God redeemed them by his love
and pity;
he lifted them up and carried them
through all the days of old.**

Isaiah 63.1-3a,7-9

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Collect

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power
of darkness

and brought us into the kingdom of
your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has
recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he
may raise us to eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our
Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

New Testament Reading
Acts 10.44-end

⁴⁴While Peter was speaking, the Holy
Spirit fell upon all who heard the word.

⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had
come with Peter were astounded that
the gift of the Holy Spirit had been
poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for
they heard them speaking in tongues
and extolling God. Then Peter said,

⁴⁷Can anyone withhold the water for
baptizing these people who have
received the Holy Spirit just as we
have?' ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be
baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.
Then they invited him to stay for
several days.

Psalms 98

¹ O sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvellous things.
His right hand and his holy arm
have gained him victory.

**² The LORD has made known his
victory;**

**he has revealed his vindication
in the sight of the nations.**

³ He has remembered his steadfast
love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.

**⁴ Make a joyful noise to the LORD,
all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and
sing praises.**

⁵ Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of
melody.

**⁶ With trumpets and the sound of
the horn
make a joyful noise before the
King, the LORD.**

⁷ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who live in it.

**⁸ Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy**

⁹ at the presence of the LORD, for he is
coming
to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with
righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Gospel Reading

John 15.9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: ⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ¹²This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.'

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

ST JOHN

Those in continuing special need of prayer:

Pat Crowe, Jo Hearn, Ann Kinson, Allan Law

ST MICHAEL

Those newly in need of prayer

Jenny and her family, Alison Toplis,

Those in continuing special need of prayer:

Steve Baker, Sam Bassett, Mark Berry, Elizabeth Chapman, Chris Clayton, Dorothy Clayton, Jo Cobb, Martin Dewes, Chris Dickerson, Colin Eastwood, Phillip Goodwin, Robert Harris, David Kendrick, Chris Kirk, Alison Knight, Matthew Martel, Marielouise Oliver, Norah and Arthur Palin, Nick Rutter, Anthony Staples aged 7, John Tipper, Sheila Vaughan, Judith Watson, Renee Wellings, Anne Whatson, Felicity Woodfield, Jamie.

Those who have died

Anthony Baker, Gwyneth Bates

Years Mind

Brian Vaughan

Post Communion Prayer

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the
water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of
goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns,
now and for ever.

Amen

SERVICE SHEET

9th May

Easter 6

St Michael, Lichfield

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Holy Communion

St John, Wall

10.00am Holy Communion at St John's.

Canticle A Song of the Lord's Steadfast Love

I will recount the steadfast love of the Lord,

the praises of the Most High.

Who is this that comes from Edom, coming from Bozrah, his garments stained crimson?

Who is this in glorious apparel, marching in the greatness of his strength?

'It is I, who announces that right has won the day, it is I', says the Lord, 'for I am mighty to save.'

Why are your robes all red, O Lord, and your garments like theirs who tread the winepress?