

**Through him you have confidence in God,
who raised him from the dead and gave him glory,
so that your faith and hope are set on God.**

1 Peter 1.3-4,18-21

**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

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
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 1.15-17,21-end

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people). He said, ¹⁶Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold

concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus – ¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us – one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.’ ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, ‘Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.’ ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Psalm 1

¹Blessed is the one
who does not walk in step with the wicked
or stand in the way that sinners take
or sit in the company of mockers,

**² but whose delight is in the law of the LORD,
and who meditates on his law day and night.**

³ That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season

and whose leaf does not wither—
whatever they do prospers.

**⁴ Not so the wicked!
They are like chaff
that the wind blows away.**

⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

**⁶ For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.**

**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 17.6-19



Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: ⁶Father, 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. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.'

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

ST MICHAEL

Those newly in need of prayer

Cynthia Attwell, 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

Gwyneth Bates, John Hinch, David Cobb

ST JOHN

Those in continuing special need of prayer:

Pat Crowe, Jo Hearn, Ann Kinson, Allan Law

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. **Amen**

SERVICE SHEET

**16th May
Easter 7**

Canticle A Song of Faith

**God raised Christ from the dead,
the Lamb without spot or stain.
Alleluia!**

**Blessed be the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ!**

**By his great mercy we have been
born anew to a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus
Christ from the dead.**

**Into an inheritance that is
imperishable, undefiled and
unfading,
kept in heaven for you.**

**Who are being protected by the
power of God
through faith for a salvation,
ready to be revealed in the last
time.**

**You were ransomed from the futile
ways of your ancestors
not with perishable things like
silver or gold**

**But with the precious blood of
Christ
like that of a lamb without spot or
stain.**