# **Parish of St Mary the Virgin**

**Great Shelford**

## **Parish Communion**

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## **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

## **18 May 2025**

**10am**

Welcome to St Mary’s, and to the service today.

If you would like one of the clergy team to visit,

please let us know.

Please note that all our instructions to sit or kneel can be carried out in the body or in the heart.

When it comes to the Communion, if you have health reasons which makes it necessary not to drink from the common cup, please indicate that you need a wafer which already has wine added, or receive in one kind only. Please do not ask or try to intincture (dip) because there are people who are coeliac who will take after you. There are Gluten Free wafers, please indicate if you need this.

If you would like a blessing please carry the booklet.

**THE GATHERING**

#### White Musical Notes Clip ArtPlease stand to sing

**THE OPENING HYMN 103: Alleluya! Alleluya!**

1. **Alleluya! Alleluya!**

**Hearts to heaven and voices raise;**

**Sing to God a hymn of gladness,**

**Sing to God a hymn of praise;**

**He who on the Cross a victim**

**For the world's salvation bled,**

**Jesus Christ, the King of glory,**

**Now is risen from the dead.**

1. **Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits**

**Of the holy harvest field,**

**Which will all its full abundance**

**At his second coming yield;**

**Then the golden ears of harvest**

**Will their heads before him wave,**

**Ripened by his glorious sunshine**

**From the furrows of the grave.**

1. **Christ is risen, we are risen;**

**Shed upon us heavenly grace,**

**Rain, and dew, and gleams of glory**

**From the brightness of thy face;**

**That we, Lord, with hearts in heaven**

**Here on earth may fruitful be,**

**And by angel-hands be gathered,**

**And be ever safe with thee.**

1. **Alleluya! Alleluya!**

**Glory be to God on high;**

**To the Father, and the Saviour,**

**Who has gained the victory;**

**Glory to the Holy Spirit,**

**Fount of love and sanctity;**

**Alleluya! Alleluya!**

**To the Triune Majesty. Amen.**

*Words: C Wordsworth Tune. LUX EOI (A Sullivan)*

**THE GREETING**

#### The president says

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

**All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ;

**All he has given us new life and hope**

**by raising Jesus from the dead.**

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

#### The president greets the people

## Grace, mercy and peace

## from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

be with you

All and also with you.

##### **PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

**All Almighty God,**

**to whom all hearts are open,**

**all desires known,**

**and from whom no secrets are hidden:**

**cleanse the thoughts of our hearts**

**by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,**

**that we may perfectly love you,**

**and worthily magnify your holy name;**

**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### **INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

*Please sit or kneel to pray*

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin

and be faithful to Christ.

As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith,

we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

All Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,

we come to you in sorrow for our sins,

and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,

and not by the power of your resurrection.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,

as faithless and not believing.

We have lived for this world alone,

and doubted our home in heaven.

In your mercy forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us. Amen.

May the God of love and power

forgive you and free you from your sins,

heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,

and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

*We stand and pray together for the children as they go to their activities.*

**All Creator God, we thank you for giving us Jesus as**

**our Saviour: he blessed the children who came to**

**him, and welcomes those who come to him now.**

**Look with love upon these children and protect them**

**with your care. May they grow in wisdom, age and**

**strength in your presence and in the sight of all.**

**We ask this through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ**

**our Lord. Amen.**

*We remain standing*

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.**

Glory to God in the Highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, Heav’nly King, Almighty God and Father,

We worship you, we give you thanks,

we praise you for your glory.

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.**

Lord, Jesus Christ, only son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us:

You are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.**

For you alone are the Holy one, you alone are the Lord,

You alone are the most high, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, In the glory of God the Father.

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.**

*David Thorne*

### THE COLLECT

#### The president introduces a period of silent prayer:

Having been reconciled to God,

let us pray that our hearts may be open

and receptive to hear his word to us.

Silence is kept.

**All Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us**

**you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen**

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**FIRST READING: First Reading Genesis 22.1-18**

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, ‘Abraham!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’ He said, ‘Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.’ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, ‘Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.’ Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, ‘Father!’ And he said, ‘Here I am, my son.’ He said, ‘The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?’ Abraham said, ‘God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.’ So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, ‘Abraham, Abraham!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’ He said, ‘Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.’ And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place ‘The Lord will provide’; as it is said to this day, ‘On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.’

The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, ‘By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.’

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 148**

**1** O praise the ‘ Lord of ‘ heaven : praise ‘ him ‘ in the ‘ height.

**2** Praise him all ye ‘ angels of ‘ his : praise ‘ him ‘ all his host.

**3** Praise him ‘ sun and ‘ moon : praise him ‘ all ye ‘ stars and ‘ light.

**4** Praise him all ye ‘ heavens : and ye waters that ‘ are a‘ bove the ‘ heavens.

**5** Let them praise the ‘ Name of the ‘ Lord : for he spake the word and they were made, he commanded ‘ and they ‘ were cre’ated.

**6** He hath made them fast for ‘ ever and ‘ ever : he hath given them a law ‘ which shall ‘ not be ‘ broken.

Glory be to the Father, and ‘ to the ‘ Son : and ‘ to the ‘ Holy ‘ Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ‘ ever ‘ shall be : world without ‘ end ‘ A’men.

**SECOND READING: Acts 11.1-18**

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, ‘Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?’ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ‘I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, “Get up, Peter; kill and eat.” But I replied, “By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.” But a second time the voice answered from heaven, “What God has made clean, you must not call profane.” This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, “Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.” And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, “John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?’ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, ‘Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.’

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**.

*We stand to sing*

**GRADUAL HYMN : A new commandment**

***Refrain***

***A new commandment I give unto you:***

***That you love one another as I have loved you,***

***That you love one another as I have loved you.***

**1 By this shall all know that you are my disciples**

**If you have love one for another.**

**By this shall all know that you are my disciples**

**If you have love one for another. *Refrain***

**2You are my friends if you do what I command you.**

**Without my help you can do nothing.**

**You are my friends if you do what I command you.**

**Without my help you can do nothing. *Refrain***

**3 I am the true vine, my Father is the gard’ner.**

**Abide in me: I will be with you.**

**I am the true vine, my Father is the gard’ner,**

**Abide in me: I will be with you. *Refrain***

**4 True love is patient, not arrogant or boastful;**

**Love bears all things, love is eternal.**

**True love is patient, not arrogant or boastful;**

**Love bears all things, love is eternal. *Refrain***

*R Crabtree. Tune. NEW COMMANDMENT*

***Please remain standing and turn to face the Gospel***

### GOSPEL READING

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the first and the last, says the Lord,

and the living one;

I was dead, and behold, I am alive for evermore.

*cf Revelation 1.17,18*

**All Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to St John

**All Glory to you, O Lord**

When he had gone out, Jesus said, ‘Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him.2If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, “Where I am going, you cannot come.” I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.’

*John 13.31-35*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

#### Please be seated.

### SERMON

#### Short silence and then please sit or kneel

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ

let us pray to the Father.

#### At the end of each prayer

Lord in your mercy

**All hear our prayer.**

#### At the end

Merciful Father,

**All accept these prayers**

**for the sake of your Son,**

**our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

### THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

### THE PEACE

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples

and said, ‘Peace be with you’.

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. *John 20.19,20*

All Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

#### We exchange a sign of peace and then stand and sing. During the hymn, the gifts of the people along with the gifts of bread and wine are presented.

**THE OFFERTORY HYMN*-* 310: We hail thy presence glorious**

**We hail thy presence glorious,**

**O Christ our great high priest,**

**O'er sin and death victorious,**

**At thy thanksgiving feast:**

**As thou art interceding**

**For us in heaven above,**

**Thy Church on earth is pleading**

**Thy perfect work of love.**

**O living Bread from heaven,**

**Jesu, our Saviour good,**

**Who thine own self has given**

**To be our souls' true food;**

**For us thy body broken**

**Hung on the cross of shame:**

**This bread, its hallowed token,**

**We break in thy dear name.**

**O stream of love unending,**

**Poured from the one true vine,**

**With our weak nature blending**

**The strength of life divine;**

**Our thankful faith confessing**

**In thy life-blood outpoured,**

**We drink this cup of blessing**

**And praise thy name, O Lord.**

**May we thy word believing,  
thee through thy gifts receive,  
that, thou within us living,  
we all to God may live;  
draw us from earth to heaven  
till sin and sorrow cease,  
forgiving and forgiven,  
in love and joy and peace.** *R G Parsons. Tune.OFFERTORIUM*

### PRAYERS AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.

In your loving care you spread before us the table of life

and give us the cup of salvation to drink.

Keep us always in the fold of our Saviour and our Shepherd,

your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessed be God for ever.

All Amen.

#### Please remain standing for

### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Father, we give you thanks and praise

through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,

through whom you have created all things;

who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;

as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,

he lived on earth and went about among us;

he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;

he put an end to death by dying for us;

and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;

so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks

because Christ our paschal sacrifice

has made us children of the light,

rising to new and everlasting life.

He has opened the gates of heaven

to receive his faithful people.

His death is our ransom from death,

his resurrection is our rising to life.

The joy of the resurrection renews the whole world,

while the choirs of heaven sing for ever to your glory.

Sanctus / Benedictus

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.** *David Thorne*

#### Please sit or kneel

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;

grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,

and according to your holy will,

these gifts of bread and wine may be to us

the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,

took bread and gave you thanks;

he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;

do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup

and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,

which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

All Dying you destroyed our death,

rising you restored our life:

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,

his perfect sacrifice made once

for the sins of the whole world;

rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,

and looking for his coming in glory,

we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,

we bring before you this bread and this cup

and we thank you for counting us worthy

to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people

and gather into one in your kingdom

all who share this one bread and one cup,

so that we, in the company of Mary and

all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever,

through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

#### A brief silence is kept

### THE LORD’S PRAYER

## As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

#### The president breaks the consecrated bread

We break this bread

to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many, we are one body,**

**because we all share in one bread.**

### GIVING OF COMMUNION

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

**AllMost merciful Lord,**

your love compels us to come in.

**Our hands were unclean,**

**our hearts were unprepared;**

**we were not fit even to eat the crumbs**

**from under your table.**

**But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,**

**and share your bread with sinners.**

**So cleanse and feed us**

**with the precious body and blood of your Son,**

**that he may live in us and we in him;**

**and that we, with the whole company of Christ,**

**may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.**

### AGNUS DEI

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:**

**have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:**

**have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:**

**grant us peace.** *David Thorne*

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**THE COMMUNION HYMN** *–* **302: O Thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray**

#### Please remain seated as the Communion a hymn is sung.

1. **O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray**

**That all thy Church might be for ever one,**

**Grant us at every Eucharist to say**

**With longing heart and soul, 'Thy will be done.'**

**Oh, may we all one Bread, one Body be,**

**One through this Sacrament of unity.**

1. **For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;**

**Make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;**

**Draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,**

**By drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace:**

**Thus may we all one Bread, one Body be,**

**One through this Sacrament of unity.**

1. **We pray thee too for wanderers from thy fold;**

**O bring them back, good Shepherd of the sheep,**

**Back to the faith which saints believed of old,**

**Back to the Church which still that faith doth keep:**

**Soon may we all one Bread, one Body be,**

**One through this Sacrament of unity.**

1. **So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,**

**May we be one with all thy Church above,**

**One with thy saints in one unbroken peace,**

**One with thy saints in one unbounded love:**

**More blessèd still, in peace and love to be**

**One with the Trinity in Unity.** *William Turton. Tune Orlando Gibbons*

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

#### The president says

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth,

and the life: grant us to walk in his way,

to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life;

who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

All Amen.

**All God of truth, we have seen with our eyes**

**and touched with our hands**

**the bread of life;**

**strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you**

**and for each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### SUNDAY CLUB FEEDBACK

### *We welcome the children from Sunday Club who have joined us for Communion and hear what they have been doing today.*

### *After the notices and Mary Mouse is found, please stand to sing*

### THE DISMISSAL

**THE RECESSIONAL HYMN** – **338: At the name of Jesus**

**At the name of Jesus, Every knee shall bow,**

**Every tongue confess him, King of glory now;**

**'Tis the Father's pleasure, We should call him Lord,**

**Who from the beginning, Was the mighty Word.**

**Humbled for a season, To receive a name**

**From the lips of sinners, Unto whom he came,**

**Faithfully he bore it, Spotless to the last,**

**Brought it back victorious, When from death he passed**

**In your hearts enthrone him; There let him subdue**

**All that is not holy, All that is not true:**

**He is God the Saviour, He is Christ the Lord,**

**Ever to be worshipped, Trusted, and adored.**

**Brothers, this Lord Jesus, Shall return again,**

**With the Father's glory, With his angel train;**

**For all wreaths of empire, Meet upon his brow,**

**And our hearts confess him, King of glory now.**

*Caroline Noel 1817-77 Tune. EVEYNS*

### THE BLESSING

God the Father,

by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,

strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;

and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

### All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

***You are warmly invited to join us for refreshments in the Community Room after this service.***

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