

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION)



The jailer ... fell down trembling before Paul and Silas

(Acts 16:29)

May 29, 2022 10:00 a.m.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Setting: Christ Church Mass Philip Matthias (b. 1954)

Opening Hymn

 Hail the day that sees him rise	Alleluya!
Glorious to his native skies;	Alleluya!
Christ, awhile to mortals given,	Alleluya!
Enters now the highest heaven!	Alleluya!
 There the glorious triumph waits;	Alleluya!
Lift your heads eternal gates!	Alleluya!
Christ has vanquished death and s	in; Alleluya!
Take the King of glory in.	Alleluya!
 See he lifts his hands above; See! he shows his prints of love: Hark his gracious lips bestow Blessings on his Church below. 	Alleluya! Alleluya! Alleluya! Alleluya!
 4. Still for us he intercedes; His prevailing death he pleads; Near himself prepares our place, Harbinger of human race. 	Alleluya! Alleluya! Alleluya! Alleluya!
5. There we shall with thee remain,	Alleluya!
Partners of thy endless reign;	Alleluya!
There thy face unclouded see,	Alleluya!

Find our heaven of heavens in thee. Alleluya!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707–88) and Thomas Cotterill (1779–1823) Music: Llanfair, by Robert Williams (1781–1821)

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever.

The Lord be with you And also with you.

Christ is risen. Alleluia! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The President offers words of welcome

There is one Body and one Spirit;

there is one hope in God's call to us.

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism,

one God and Father of all.

Baptism is the gift of our Lord Jesus Christ.

When he had risen from the dead, he commanded his followers to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

We have come together today to obey that command.

Baptism with water signifies the cleansing from sin that Jesus' death makes possible, and the new life that God gives us through the Holy Spirit.

In baptism, the promises of God are visibly signed and sealed for us. We are joined to Christ, and made members of his body, the Church universal.

Children are baptized in response to God's all-embracing love. Parents and godparents who have responded to that love

come now to bring their children for baptism.

Before this congregation they must express their own trust and commitment to the promises of God, and their intention to bring up their children in the faith and practice of the Church.

In due time these children should make their own response to God, and be prepared for confirmation.

Let us affirm our trust in God's mercy, and confess that we need forgiveness.

A pause for reflection

Lord God, you created this world, and made us in your own image. Forgive us when we turn away from you.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord God, through your Son you overcame evil and death. Rescue us from slavery to sin.

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord God, by your Spirit,

you restore us to fellowship with you and with one another.

Breathe your love and freedom into our lives.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

The Priest pronounces Absolution, to which all respond

Amen.

We sing together

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. 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. 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. Amen.

Let us pray.

The people pray silently, and then the President 'collects' the silent prayer:

Almighty God, whose blessed Son before his passion prayed for his disciples that they might be one, as you and he are one: grant that your Church, being bound together in love and obedience to you, may be united in one body by the one Spirit, that the world may believe in him whom you have sent, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING:

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God,

who proclaim to you a way of salvation.'

She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit,

'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 97



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The LORD is king; let the earth rejoice; let the many islands be glad. Justice and judgment are the foundation of his throne. The heavens proclaim his justice,	R
and all peoples see his glory. All gods are prostrate before him.	R
You, O LORD, are the Most High over all the earth, exalted far above all gods.	R
SECOND READING: Revelat	tion 22: 12–22
A reading from the book of Revelation	
l, John, heard a voice saying to me:	
 'See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.' Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and fornicators and mur and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practises falsehood 	

'It is I, Jesus,

who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.'

The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.'

And let everyone who hears say, 'Come.'

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them,

God will add to that person the plagues described in this book; if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away that person's share in the tree of life

and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

The one who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.'

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

- The head that once was crowned with thorns Is crowned with glory now:
 - A royal diadem adorns The mighty victor's brow.
- 2. The highest place that heaven affords Is his, is his by right,

The King of kings and Lord of lords, And heaven's eternal light;

3. The joy of all who dwell above, The joy of all below, To whom he manifests his love, And grants his name to know.

GOSPEL

Alleluia, alleluia!

'Let them see my glory' says the Lord; 'so the world may know the Father sent me.'

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed:

'Holy Father,

'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one.

As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us,

so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

The glory that you have given me I have given them,

so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one,

so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me.

I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

For the gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

After the sermon, silence is kept.

THE PRESENTATION

The priest invites the candidates and their sponsors to stand in view of the congregation.

We welcome Frédéric and Lily who come to be baptized. I invite their sponsors to present them now.

The sponsors answer

We present Frédéric Nicholas Rivet Baring to be baptized. We present Lily Florence Kirkby to be baptized.

The priest says to the sponsors of those unable to answer for themselves

Will you accept the responsibilities placed upon you in bringing Frédéric/Lily for baptism?

I WIII.

Are you willing to answer on behalf of Frédéric/Lily? **I am.**

By your own prayers and example, by your friendship and love, will you encourage Frédéric/Lily in the life and faith of the Christian community? I will, with God's help.

THE DECISION

Before God and this congregation, you must affirm that you turn to Christ and reject all that is evil:

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins? I repent of my sins.

Do you reject selfish living, and all that is false and unjust? I reject them all.

Do you renounce Satan and all evil?

I renounce all that is evil.

Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, and lead you in the light of Christ to his everlasting kingdom. **Amen.** Will you each, by God's grace, strive to live as a disciple of Christ, loving God with your whole heart, and your neighbour as yourself, until your life's end?

I will, with God's help.

You have heard these our brothers and sisters respond to Christ. Will you support them in this calling?

We will.

Let us pray.

Grant, merciful God, that Frédéric and Lily may be so buried with Christ in baptism that the new nature may be raised up in them. May the fruit of your Spirit grow and flourish in them. **Amen.**

Give to their sponsors and their families the desire to share with them what you have revealed in your holy gospel. **Amen.**

May they know Christ's forgiving love and continue in the fellowship and service of his Church. May they proclaim, by word and example, the good news of God in Christ. **Amen.**

We thank you for the ministry we have in your world and to each other in the household of faith. Hasten that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in Christ. **Amen.**

Frédéric, Lily and their sponsors and families move to the font.

THE BAPTISM

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks that at the beginning of creation your Holy Spirit moved upon the waters to bring forth light and life.

With water you cleanse and replenish the earth;

you nourish and sustain all living things.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery into freedom, and brought them through the river Jordan to new life in the land of promise.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks for your Son Jesus Christ: for his baptism by John, for his anointing with the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks that through the deep waters of death Jesus delivered us from our sins and was raised to new life in triumph.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks for the grace of the Holy Spirit who forms us in the likeness of Christ and leads us to proclaim your kingdom.

Thanks be to God.

And now we give you thanks that you have called Frédéric and Lily to new birth in your Church through the waters of baptism.

Pour out your Holy Spirit in blessing and sanctify this water

so that those who are baptised in it

may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection.

May they die to sin, rise to newness of life,

and continue for ever in Jesus Christ our Lord,

through whom we give you praise and honour in the unity of the Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The minister now says to the sponsors of Frédéric and Lily:

I now ask you to affirm as yours the faith of the Church.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in God the Son?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The minister says to the congregation:

This is the faith of the Church.

The Congregation responds:

This is our faith: We believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Frédéric/Lily, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Frédéric/Lily, I sign you with the sign of the cross to show that you are marked as Christ's own for ever.

Live as a disciple of Christ: fight the good fight, finish the race, keep the faith.

The congregation responds, saying

Confess Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, look for his coming in glory.

God has brought you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

The congregation joins the minister saying

Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

God has called you into his Church.

We therefore receive and welcome you as a member with us of the body of Christ, as a child of the one heavenly Father, and as an inheritor of the kingdom of God.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

In baptism, God has made us one in Christ. His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Risen and Ascended Lord be always with you. Alleluia! Alleluia! And also with you. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Members of the congregation greet one another in an appropriate way, and especially greet and welcome the world's newest Christians – Lily and Frédéric.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

During the following hymn, the people's gifts are brought forward, and the altar prepared.

Offertory Hymn

I. Alleluya, sing to Jesus, His the sceptre, his the throne; Alleluya, his the triumph, His the victory alone: Hark the songs of peaceful Sion Thunder like a mighty flood; Jesus, out of every nation, Hath redeemed us by his blood. 2. Alleluya, not as orphans Are we left in sorrow now: Alleluya, he is near us, Faith believes, nor questions how; Though the cloud from sight received him When the forty days were o'er, Shall our hearts forget his promise, 'I am with you evermore'?

3. Alleluya, Bread of Angels, Thou on earth our food, our stay; Alleluya, here the sinful Flee to thee from day to day; Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth's Redeemer, plead for me, Where the songs of all the sinless Sweep across the crystal sea.

4. Alleluya, King eternal, Thee the Lord of lords we own; Alleluya, born of Mary, Earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne: Thou within the veil hast entered, Robed in flesh, our great High Priest; Thou on earth both Priest and Victim In the Eucharistic Feast.

> Words: W. Chatterton Dix (1837–98) Music: Hyfrydol, Richard Huw Pritchard (1811–87)

The President offers prayers over the gifts, to which the people respond:

Blessed be God for ever.

The President then begins the Great Thanksgiving Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The President continues with the prayer, concluding with:

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The President continues the prayer until the deacon says:

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith: Christ has died, Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The President continues the prayer, which concludes:

...we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

A brief silence is kept.

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

As the President breaks the bread, the following is said:

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ. We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread. We sing:

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us. Jesus, Redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Come, let us take this holy sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Communion is distributed.

During Communion, the choir sings the following anthem:

Ascendit Deus in jubilatione, et Dominus in voce tubae. Alleluia. (God is gone up with a merry noise, and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet. Allelulia.)

> Words: Psalm 46:5 Music: Carlo Carturan (1858–1936)

Dearest Jesus, we are here gladly your command obeying; with this child we now draw near in response to your own saying that to you they shall be given to be made an heir of heaven. This is why we come to you, in our arms this infant bearing; Lord, to us your glory show; let this child, your mercy sharing, in your arms be shielded ever, yours on earth and yours for ever.

Words: Benjamin Schmolck (1672-1737), adapt from trans. by Catherine Winkworth (1827–78) Music: adapted from melody of Johann Rodolph Ahle (1625–73)

After Communion, silence is kept.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

All stand. The President offers a prayer, concluding with:

Father,

we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

Please sit for notices.

CLOSING HYMN

All stand.

 Crown him with many crowns, The Lamb upon his throne; Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns All music but its own: Awake, my soul, and sing Of him, who died for thee, And hail him as thy matchless King Through all eternity.
 Crown him the Virgin's Son, The God Incarnate born, Whose arm those crimson trophies won Which now his brow adorn:

Fruit of the mystic Rose, As of that Rose the Stem; The Root whence mercy ever flows,

The Babe of Bethlehem.

- 3. Crown him the Lord of love! Behold his hands and side, Rich wounds yet visible above In beauty glorified: No angel in the sky Can fully bear that sight, But downward bends his burning eye At mysteries so bright.
- 4. Crown him the Lord of years, The Potentate of time, Creator of the rolling spheres, Ineffably sublime. Glassed in a sea of light, Where everlasting waves Reflect his throne – the Infinite! Who lives – and loves – and saves.

Words: Matthew Bridges (1800–94) Music: Diademata,, George Elvey (1816–93) The priest pronounces a blessing to which all respond: **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude: 'Transports de joie' ('Outbursts of joy') from L'Ascension Olivier Messiaen (1908–92)

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: DAY OF PENTECOST

Acts 2:1–21 Romans 8:14–17 Psalm 104:26-36 John 14:8-17

NOTICES

<u>Welcome</u>

We are very pleased to welcome the families, sponsors and friends of Frédéric Nicholas Rivet Baring and Lily Florence Kirkby who are to be baptized this morning.

Readers/Servers/Eucharistic Assistants Refresher Course

A reminder that there will be a refresher course for all those involved in these important ministries after the 10:00 a.m. eucharist (and morning tea) today.

Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project (BASP)

There will be a collection of items for BASP today at both services.

The End of an Era! - Final Knitting Group Gathering

The Knitting Group coordinated by Lynette Swan was to have a Morning Tea celebration which has been cancelled due to a covid case. It will be rescheduled for a later date.

Advance Notice

Sunday, June 5 will see a Festal Evensong (BCP) for Pentecost at 6:30 p.m., followed by refreshments in the Hall. Make a note of this important day in the Church's calendar.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Weekdays Monday – Saturday	9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
<u>Day</u>	Morning Prayer in Chapel and by	<u>Evening Prayer</u> Zoom (details below)
Monday, 30 May	Psalm 72 Numbers 22:41–23.12 I Corinthians 11:17–34	Psalm 73 Deuteronomy 31:1–15 John 16.12–24
Tuesday, 31 May The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth	Psalm 84 Ruth 4:11–17 Acts 9:36–41	Psalms 127; 128 Song of Songs 2:8–14 John 3:25–30
Wednesday, I June Justin, Martyr at Rome	Psalm 74 Numbers 24:1–11 I Corinthians 12:14–31	Psalms 75; 76 Deuteronomy 32:10–22 John 17.6–19
Reflections on the Lections	Via Zoom: see details below	
Thursday, 2 June	Psalm 77 Numbers 24:12–25 I Corinthians 13	Psalm 78.1–15 Deuteronomy 32:23–38 John 17:20–26
Holy Eucharist at 10:15 a.m.	Acts 22:30 & 23:6–11;	Ps. 68:28–35; John 17:20–26
Friday, 3 June Martyrs of Uganda (incl. Janani Luwum)	Psalm 78:16–38 Numbers 27 I Corinthians 14:1–12	Psalm 78:39–70 Deuteronomy 32:39-52 Acts 1:1–14
Saturday, 4 June	Psalm 81 Numbers 36 Acts 1:15–26	Psalm 48 Numbers 11:16–17, 24–30 I Corinthians 14:13–25
Next Sunday, 5 June Day of Pentecost	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist & Holy Baptism Festal Evensong

Morning Prayer

9:00 a.m., Monday – Saturday

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283 https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUI3RWRIdmIXWDQ4Zz09

Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m., Monday – Saturday

Meeting ID: 709 867 2691; Passcode: 630283 https://zoom.us/j/7098672691?pwd=TFBBSGYxb2lhcUl3RWRIdmIXWDQ4Zz09

Reflections on the Lections

7:30 p.m., Wednesday, I June Meeting ID: 926 3986 2120; Passcode: 551393 https://zoom.us/j/92639862120?pwd=dkpiSXdMa0VvZnVUYm5hUWFzWGcydz09

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We acknowledge the Boon Wurrung and Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation as the Traditional Custodians of the land upon which we meet. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present, acknowledge their continuing spiritual connection to Country, and affirm our commitment to walk together the path of reconciliation.

