

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you;  
of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face;  
hide not your face from me, alleluia.*

### COLLECT

Graciously hear our supplications, O Lord,  
so that we, who believe that the Saviour of the human race  
is with you in your glory,  
may experience, as he promised,  
until the end of the world,  
his abiding presence among us.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

### FIRST READING Acts 7:55-60

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In those days: Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. And he said, 'Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.' But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul.

And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 97(96):1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9. R. 1a, 9b

**R: The LORD is king, most high above all the earth.**

**Or Alleluia.**

1. The LORD is king, let earth rejoice;  
let the many islands be glad.  
Justice and right are the foundation of his throne. **R.**
2. The skies proclaim his justice;  
all peoples see his glory.  
All you angels, worship him. **R.**
3. For you indeed are the LORD,  
most high above all the earth,  
exalted far above all gods. **R.**

### SECOND READING Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

A reading from the book of Revelation.

I, John, heard a voice saying to me, 'Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. 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 may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates.

'I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things 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 the one who hears say, 'Come.' And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

He who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL cf. John 14:18

**R: Alleluia, alleluia.**

I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord.  
I am going away and I will come to you,  
and your hearts will rejoice.

**R: Alleluia.**

### GOSPEL John 17:20-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

At that time: Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven, and praying said, 'Holy Father,

I do not ask for these only,  
but also for those who will believe in me through their word,  
that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you,  
that they also may be in us,  
so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

The glory that you have given me I have given to them,  
that they may be one even as we are one,

I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one,  
so that the world may know that you sent me  
and loved them even as you loved me.

Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me,  
may be with me where I am,

to see my glory that you have given me  
because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you,  
I know you, and these know that you have sent me.

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful  
with the sacrificial offerings,  
that through these acts of devotedness  
we may pass over to the glory of heaven.

**Amen.**

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**Father, I pray that they may be one  
as we also are one, alleluia.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Hear us, O God our Saviour,  
and grant us confidence,  
that through these sacred mysteries  
there will be accomplished in the body of the whole Church  
what has already come to pass in Christ her Head.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**Amen.**



## The Parish of St Anselm, Hayes

June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025

Seventh Sunday of Easter

In our gospel reading today we hear the final part of what is known as Jesus's great 'priestly prayer'. The prayer takes up the whole of St John chapter 17 and is an extraordinarily intimate communication



between the Son and the Father. This last section expresses Jesus's profound desire that the love which has been between him and his Father from "before the foundation of the world" may ultimately be shared not only with his disciples

but also, through them and the church they will establish, come be shared by all humanity. This prayer is often associated with the desire of Christians to heal the 'sad divisions' within the body of Christ and to work towards the reunification of the universal church. This is not just because Christians do not want to be at odds with one another but, perhaps more importantly, because it is through the unity of the church, which participates in the unity within the Godhead, that "the world may believe that you have sent me." Whilst the church is divided it fatally undermines its ability to bring people to faith in Jesus as the Son of the Father who sent him into the world for its salvation.

### Entrance Hymn

176 The head that once was crowned with thorns

### Offertory Hymn

439 At the name of Jesus

### Recessional

368 Alleluya, sing to Jesus

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THIS WEEK (Year C[1]; Psalm Week 3)

2<sup>nd</sup>: Monday of 7<sup>th</sup> Week of Eastertide. No services in church; Offices said privately.

3<sup>rd</sup>: *SS Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs. Morning Prayer 0945; Mass 1000; Boys' Brigade 1700.*

4<sup>th</sup>: Wednesday of 7<sup>th</sup> Week of Eastertide. Morning Prayer 0945; Mass 1000; Lunch Club 1200-1400; Evening Prayer 1700

5<sup>th</sup>: *St Boniface, Bishop, Martyr. Morning Prayer 0945; Mass 1000; Evening Prayer 1700*

6<sup>th</sup>: Friday of 7<sup>th</sup> Week of Eastertide. No services in church; Offices said privately.

7<sup>th</sup>: *Saturday of 7<sup>th</sup> Week of Eastertide. No services in church; Offices said privately.*

NEXT SUNDAY: Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June: Pentecost. Mass at 1000 as usual.

### PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS

Kathyan Fenton; Desiree Loderick; Tom Shipman, Mr & Mrs DeGale, Anselm Charles, Shirley Thomas. (If you have a name for the list, please give the details to Susan, Fr Josiah, or Fr Stephen.)

### ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

1<sup>st</sup>: Kenneth Toovey [priest]

2<sup>nd</sup>: Edith Morris

3<sup>rd</sup>: Sue Jackson, Brian Bolton

7<sup>th</sup>: Mary Cookson

**SPECIAL BLESSINGS:** Please let one of the sidespeople or a churchwarden know before mass begins if you'd like a special blessing. If you have requested a blessing, please come up to the chancel step after the intercessions.

**YOUNG CHILDREN IN CHURCH:** Don't worry if they make a noise or move about! Young visitors to the sanctuary are always welcome, so no drama if they go for a walk! We'll have a look at the children's work after mass...

**FINANCIAL POSITION:** During April 2025, our income was £1,331.28, and our outgoings were £2,068.97. Once again, our outgoings have exceeded our income, so please consider if you can increase your contributions to the church, preferably via the Parish Giving Scheme if you don't already use that service.

**SPONSORING CANDLES, ETC.:** If you would like to help us by sponsoring votive candles, sanctuary lights, or wafers for communion, please talk to one of the clergy or to Susan. Sanctuary lights cost £3.50; votive candles £1.00; 100 communion wafers £1.50. We'd be very grateful for your support.

**THE NEW PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL:** The following were appointed to serve on the PCC at the recent APCM: Greta Lloyd, Cynthia Lashley, David Couling, Val Jones, Coleen John and Jaqui Dunrad. The Churchwardens, Ruth Gakuru and Nicholas, and the Safeguarding Officer, Susan Chick, along with Frs Stephen and Josiah, are all ex-officio members of the PCC.

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