

# ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*O sing a new song to the Lord,  
for he has worked wonders;  
in the sight of the nations  
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.*

# COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,  
constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us,  
that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism  
may, under your protective care, bear much fruit  
and come to the joys of life eternal.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

# FIRST READING Acts 14:21b-27

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In those days: Paul and Barnabas returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God. And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

Then they passed through Pisidia and came to Pamphylia. And when they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia, and from there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had fulfilled. And when they arrived and gathered the church together, they declared all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 145(144):8-9. 10-11. 12-13b. R. cf. 1

**R: I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.**

Or **Alleluia.**

1. The LORD is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in mercy.  
How good is the LORD to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**
2. All your works shall thank you, O LORD,  
and all your faithful ones bless you.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign,  
and declare your mighty deeds. **R.**
3. To make known your might to the whole human race,  
and the glorious splendour of your reign.  
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;  
your rule endures for all generations. **R.**

# SECOND READING Revelation 21:1-5a

A reading from the Book of Revelation.

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away.'

And he who was seated on the throne said, 'Behold, I am making all things new.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL John 13:34

**R: Alleluia, alleluia.**

A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord,  
that you love one another, just as I have loved you.

**R: Alleluia.**

# GOSPEL John 13:31-33a. 34-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

When Judas had gone out from the upper room, Jesus said, 'Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. Little children, yet a little while I am with you.

'A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

# PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who by the wonderful exchange effected in this sacrifice have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead,  
grant, we pray,  
that, as we have come to know your truth,  
we may make it ours by a worthy way of life.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

# COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.  
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty,  
alleluia.*

# PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord,  
and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries  
to pass from former ways to newness of life.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## The Parish of St Anselm, Hayes

May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Easter



In a world in which war and killing are as universal as they have always been – and, in Europe at least, perhaps worse now than for the last 80 years – our second reading from Revelation is perhaps hard to accept. Only 10

days ago we were commemorating the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE day. We were celebrating the end of a war in which millions died and, for the first time in recent history, a war in which twice as many of the dead were civilians rather than combatants. World War II came only 20 years after the first world war which was supposed to have been “the war to end war.” Pope Leo has begun his first homily since becoming pope with a call for an end to all wars. So often we recognise the horror and futility of war, and vow never to let wars happen again, and yet within a few years we find that we’re witnessing war yet again. It may seem that a world in which “death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain any more” is just a pipe dream.

We’ll be thinking about this more in today’s homily.

### Entrance Hymn

605 We have a Gospel to proclaim

### Offertory Hymn

387 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour

### Recessional

484 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

### THIS WEEK

19<sup>th</sup>: Monday of 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Eastertide. No services in church; Offices said privately.

20<sup>th</sup>: Tuesday of 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Eastertide. Morning Prayer 0945; Mass 1000; NO BOYS’ BRIGADE.

21<sup>st</sup>: Wednesday of 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Eastertide. Morning Prayer 0945; Mass 1000; Lunch Club 1200-1400; Evening Prayer 1700

22<sup>nd</sup>: Thursday of 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Eastertide. Morning Prayer 0945; Mass 1000; Evening Prayer 1700

23<sup>rd</sup>: Friday of 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Eastertide. No services in church; Offices said privately.

24<sup>th</sup>: Saturday of 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Eastertide. No services in church; Offices said privately.

The Annual Parish Church Meeting (APCM) takes place after mass today. It’s important that as many people as possible are present at this meeting as several significant decisions about the running of our church are taken at this yearly meeting. The APCM is preceded by the parish (also known as the

vestry) meeting at which churchwardens will be elected for the coming year. Please stay behind after mass to take part in this meeting.

NEXT SUNDAY: Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter. Mass at 1000 as usual.

### PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS

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

### ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

18<sup>th</sup>: Mary Browning, George McKenna

19<sup>th</sup>: Bob Thompson

20<sup>th</sup>: Elizabeth Jones, Nellie Honey, Richard Warnett

21<sup>st</sup>: Laraine Cheryl Simmonds, William Alan Gafner

22<sup>nd</sup>: Winifred Mothersole, Mollie Wilding, Marion Pearce, Leslie West

24<sup>th</sup>: Florence May, Leslie Prosser

**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, incense, or wafers for communion, please talk to one of the clergy or to Susan. A sanctuary light costs £3.50, votive candles (next to the statues of the saints) are £1.00 each, and 100 communion wafers are £1.50. We’d be very grateful for your support.

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PLEASE JOIN US IN THE HALL AFTER MASS FOR TEA AND COFFEE, AND BISCUITS OR CAKE!