

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;  
proclaim to the ends of the earth:  
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.*

### COLLECT

Grant, almighty God,  
that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy,  
which we keep in honour of the risen Lord,  
and that what we relive in remembrance  
we may always hold to in what we do.  
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 15:1-2, 22-29

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles..

In those days: Some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, 'Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.' And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to the Apostles and the elders about this question.

Then it seemed good to the Apostles and the elders, with the whole Church, to choose men from among them and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They sent Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leading men among the brothers and sisters, with the following letter:

'The brothers, both the Apostles and the elders, to the brothers and sisters who are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia, greetings. Since we have heard that some persons have gone out from us and troubled you with words, unsettling your minds, although we gave them no instructions, it has seemed good to us, having come to one accord, to choose men and send them to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have therefore sent Judas and Silas, who themselves will tell you the same things by word of mouth. For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay on you no greater burden than these requirements: that you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what has been strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 67(66):2-3. 5. 6. 8. R. 4

**R: Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.**

Or **Alleluia.**

1. May God be gracious and bless us  
and let his face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth  
and all nations learn your salvation. **R.**
2. Let the nations be glad and shout for joy,  
with uprightness you rule the peoples;  
you guide the nations on earth. **R.**
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
May God still give us his blessing  
that all the ends of the earth may revere him. **R.**

### SECOND READING Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

A reading from the Book of Revelation.

The angel carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed – on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL John 14:23

**R: Alleluia, alleluia.**

If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord,  
and my Father will love him, and we will come to him.

**R: Alleluia.**

### GOSPEL John 14:23-29

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

'These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I will come to you." If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord,  
together with the sacrificial offerings,  
so that, purified by your graciousness,  
we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty love.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,  
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete,  
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.*

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty ever-living God,  
who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ,  
increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament  
and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**



## The Parish of St Anselm, Hayes

May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Sixth Sunday of Easter

"Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." Thus, in our gospel reading, Jesus exhorts his disciples as he shares with them the unwelcome news that he is soon to leave them. And he goes on to explain in no uncertain terms that if the disciples had truly understood his mission and his relationship with the Father they would rejoice at his leaving; but instead, they are saddened and fearful. The disciples' reaction to what Jesus is telling them is very human. We can all identify with their uncertainty, their disappointment, and their fear. They have only recently witnessed what the world has done to Jesus, and they must have been terrified that they might be next. And they love this man despite all his uncompromising challenges to their hearts and minds. Parting, as Shakespeare wrote, is such sweet sorrow. But parting is also about growing up. If we remain in a dependent relationship we can't grow to our full potential. So, we too must be prepared to move past the comforts and familiarities of spiritual childhood and take the risk of finding our spiritual adulthood. In St Paul's words, "When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things."



### Entrance Hymn

165 Ye choirs of new Jerusalem

### Offertory Hymn

171 Hail the day that sees him rise

### Recessional

559 Rejoice, O land, in God thy might

### THIS WEEK

26<sup>th</sup>: St Philip Neri, Priest. No services in church; Offices said privately.

27<sup>th</sup>: *Feast of St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop.*  
*Morning Prayer 0945; Mass 1000; NO BOYS' BRIGADE.*

28<sup>th</sup>: Wednesday of 6<sup>th</sup> Week of Eastertide. Morning Prayer 0945; Mass 1000; Lunch Club 1200-1400; Evening Prayer 1700

29<sup>th</sup>: *Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord.*  
*Morning Prayer 0945; Mass 1000; Evening Prayer 1700*

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

31<sup>st</sup>: *Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.* No services in church; Offices said privately.

The newly elected PCC meets briefly after mass today to elect Officers for the coming year. Please see the notice at the back of church listing the new PCC members following last Sunday's APCM.

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June: 7<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

25<sup>th</sup>: Sarah Connorton

26<sup>th</sup>: Edmund Littlewood, Clare Berry

27<sup>th</sup>: Vera Close

28<sup>th</sup>: Fred Welter, Sandie Hart, Yvonne Jean Margaret Morris

30<sup>th</sup>: Herbert Mendham

31<sup>st</sup>: George Thomas Ware, Ernest William Matthews

**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.

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