

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.*

COLLECT

May your people exult for ever, O God,
in renewed youthfulness of spirit,
so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption,
we may look forward in confident hope
to the rejoicing of the day of Resurrection.
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 5:27b-32. 40b-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In those days: The high priest questioned the Apostles, saying,
'We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you
have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring
this man's blood upon us.' But Peter and the Apostles answered,
'We must obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised
Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted
him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, to give repentance
to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these
things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those
who obey him.'

Having called in the Apostles, the council beat them and
charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.
Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were
counted worthy to suffer dishonour for the name.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 30(29):2. 4. 5-6. 11. 12a. 13b. R. 2a

R: I will extol you, LORD, for you have raised me up.

1. I will extol you, LORD, for you have raised me up,
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.
O LORD, you have lifted up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from those who sink into the pit. **R.**
2. Sing psalms to the LORD, you faithful ones;
give thanks to his holy name.
His anger lasts a moment; his favour all through life.
At night come tears, but dawn brings joy. **R.**
3. Hear, O LORD, and have mercy on me;
be my helper, O LORD.
You have changed my mourning into dancing.
O LORD my God, I will thank you for ever. **R.**

SECOND READING Revelation 5:11-14

A reading from the Book of Revelation.

I, John looked, and I heard around the throne and the living
creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering
myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a
loud voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power
and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and
blessing!' And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and
under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,
'To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and
honour and glory and might for ever and ever!' And the four living
creatures said, 'Amen!' and the elders fell down and worshipped.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

R: Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ is risen, who created all things
and has shown compassion on the human race.

R: Alleluia.

GOSPEL John 21:1-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

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>At that time: Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the
Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. Simon Peter,
Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons
of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. Simon
Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will
go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night
they caught nothing.

Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the
disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them,
'Children, do you have any fish?' They answered him, 'No.' He
said to them, 'Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you
will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul
it in, because of the quantity of fish. That disciple whom Jesus
loved therefore said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter
heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he
was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. The other
disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they
were not far from the land, but about a hundred metres off.

When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place,
with fish laid out on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some
of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard
and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-
three of them. And although there were so many, the net was not
torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of
the disciples dared ask him, 'Who are you?' They knew it was the
Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so
with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed
to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.<

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter,
'Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to
him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' He said to him, 'Feed my
lambs.' He said to him a second time, 'Simon, son of John, do you
love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' He
said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon,
son of John, do you love me?' Peter was grieved because he said
to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and he said to him, 'Lord,
you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him,
'Feed my sheep. Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young,
you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but
when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will
dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.' (This he said
to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after
saying this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive, O Lord, we pray,
these offerings of your exultant Church,
and, as you have given her cause for such great gladness,
grant also that the gifts we bring
may bear fruit in perpetual happiness.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Jesus said to his disciples: Come and eat.
And he took bread and gave it to them, alleluia.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look with kindness upon your people, O Lord,
and grant, we pray,
that those you were pleased to renew by eternal mysteries
may attain in their flesh
the incorruptible glory of the Resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Parish of St Anselm, Hayes

May 4th, 2025

Third Sunday of Easter

The gospel reading today recounts the story of Jesus's appearance to the disciples by the seashore. Some of the disciples had been fishing with Peter during the night. They caught nothing, but a stranger on the shore tells them to try again, and now they catch more fish than they can handle. As in nearly all the post-resurrection appearances, the disciples are unable to recognise Jesus when they first see him. It is only when Jesus performs a miracle, or explains the scriptures, or shows his wounds from the cross, that they perceive who the 'stranger' is. Jesus is both familiar and ordinary – he's eating fish just as anyone might – and at the same time he's mysterious and unrecognisable – he can pass through doors and appear and vanish at will. The glorified body of the risen Lord is a real human body, but it's also a very different kind of body. This is the deep and mysterious truth of the resurrection – that Jesus brings the earthly and the heavenly into a new and intimate relationship – the new heaven and the new earth foretold by the prophet Isaiah, promised by Jesus, and revealed in the vision of St John the Divine in the book of the Apocalypse.



Entrance Hymn

151 Love's redeeming work is done

Offertory Hymn

140 Alleluya! Alleluya! Hearts to heaven and voices raise

Recessional

410 With Christ we share a mystic grave

THIS WEEK

5th: Monday of 3rd Week of Eastertide. No services in church; Offices said privately.

6th: Tuesday of 3rd Week of Eastertide. Morning Prayer 0945; Mass 1000; Boys' Brigade 1700

7th: Wednesday of 3rd Week of Eastertide. Morning Prayer 0945; Mass 1000; No Warm Centre; Evening Prayer 1700

8th: Thursday of 3rd Week of Eastertide. Morning Prayer 0945; Mass 1000; Evening Prayer 1700

9th: Friday of 3rd Week of Eastertide. No services in church; Offices said privately.

10th: Saturday of 3rd Week of Eastertide. No services in church; Offices said privately.

NEXT SUNDAY: Sunday 11th May: 4th Sunday of Easter. Mass at 1000 as usual.

FUTURE DATES: The Annual Parish Church Meeting (APCM) will take place after mass on 18th May.

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS

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

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Eustace Fenton

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

6th: Roy Nicholls

7th: Matthew Muzanhenhame

8th: James Connorton, Mary Wambui

10th: Bertie Howse

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 March 2025, our income was £3,804.46, and our outgoings were £2,105.08. This is a much better result and reflects the delays we experienced in paying cash into the bank in February. But we are still just about breaking even, 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!