

EUCCHARIST for the SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION

Gina welcomes people to worship

First hymn - Hail the day that sees him rise

President In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

The Greeting

President The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

President Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The president offers her own welcome
and explains the eucharistic theme for
the day

THE CONFESSION

Minister Christ our Passover lamb
of the has been sacrificed for us.
Word Let us therefore rejoice by putting away
all malice and evil and confessing our
sins
with a sincere and true heart.

Silence is kept.

Minister Like Mary at the empty tomb, we fail
of the to grasp the wonder of your presence.
Word Lord, have mercy.
All Lord, have mercy.

Minister of the Word Like the disciples behind locked doors,
we are afraid to be seen as your
followers.
Christ, have mercy.
All Christ, have mercy.

Minister of the Word Like Thomas in the upper room, we are
slow to believe. Lord, have mercy.
All Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

President May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our
Lord.
All Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

All Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his 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.

The Collect

The president introduces a period of silent prayer.

Let us pray that we may reign
with the risen Christ in glory.

The president then leads the prayer for the day (from book)

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading – Gina reads

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.' So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

At the end of the reading ...

Reader	This is the word of the Lord.
All	Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading – read by Arek

A reading from the first letter of John.

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

At the end of the reading ...

Reader This is the word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn – King of kings, majesty

Gospel Reading – Revd Liz

Reader Alleluia, alleluia.
 I am the first and the last, says the Lord,
 and the living one; I was dead, and
 behold I am alive for evermore.
All Alleluia.
Reader Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to John.
All Glory to you, O Lord.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name

that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

At the end of the Gospel ..

Reader This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon – Revd Liz

Affirmation of Faith

President Let us declare our faith in the Resurrection
 of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All **Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe.
Amen.**

Intercessions – led by Sheila

President In joy and hope let us pray to the Father.
 Catherine is leading our prayers

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy
 hear our prayer.

(or)

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

After the final prayer ...

Intercessor God of mercy,
hear our prayer
and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy forever.
Amen.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Peace

Please stand.

President The risen Christ came
and stood among his disciples and said,
'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad
when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the risen Christ
be always with you
and also with you. Alleluia.

President Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn – Crown him with many crowns

Preparation of the Table

President Be present, be present,
Lord Jesus Christ,
our risen high priest;
and make yourself known
in the breaking of bread.

All Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

President The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.
President Lift up your hearts.
All We lift them to the Lord.
President Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All It is right to give thanks and praise.

President It is indeed right,
it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King,
almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
For he is your living Word;
through him you have created all things
from the beginning,
and formed us in your own image.

All To you be glory and praise for ever.

President Through him you have freed us from
the slavery of sin, giving him to be born
of a woman and to die upon the cross;
you raised him from the dead
and exalted him to your right hand on
high.

All To you be glory and praise for ever.

President Through him you have sent upon us
your holy and life-giving Spirit, and made
us a people for your own possession.

All To you be glory and praise for ever.

President And now we give you thanks
because in his victory over the grave
a new age has dawned,
the long reign of sin is ended,
a broken world is being renewed
and humanity is once again made whole.
Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,

All 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.

President Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus
Christ, and as we follow his example
and obey his command, grant that by the
power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of
bread and wine may be to us his body
and his blood; who, in the same night
that he was betrayed, took bread and
gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it
to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat;
this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

All To you be glory and praise for ever.

President In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

All To you be glory and praise for ever.

President Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty Resurrection

and glorious Ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup we
make the memorial of Christ your Son
our Lord. Christ is the bread of life:

All When we eat this bread
and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.

President Accept through him, our great high
priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and
praise, and as we eat and drink these
holy gifts in the presence of your divine
majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire
us with your love, and unite us in the
body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All To you be glory and praise for ever.

President Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth
and heaven, we worship you, Father
almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

All Blessing and honour and glory and
power be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

President Rejoicing in God's new creation,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All 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.

Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

President Jesus says, I am the bread of life,
whoever eats of this bread will live for
ever.

All Lord, our hearts hunger for you;
give us this bread always.

Agnus Dei - Mass of St Cedd, Nardone, Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sin
of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin
of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin
of the world, grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

President Alleluia. Christ our Passover
is sacrificed for us.

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The president and people receive communion

Communion Hymn – Angel Voices by Richard Shephard
sung by St Martin's Voices
words by Francis Pott (1832-1909)

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept. The Post Communion or another suitable prayer is said. All respond Amen.

NOTICES

Final Prayer

Gina We say together ...
All Father of all, we give you thanks and
 praise, that when we were still far off
 you met us in your Son and brought us
 home. Dying and living,
 he declared your love, gave us grace,
 and opened the gate of glory.
 May we who share Christ's body
 live his risen life; we who drink his cup
 bring life to others; we whom the Spirit
 lights give light to the world.
 Keep us firm in the hope
 you have set before us, so we and all
 your children shall be free, and
 the whole earth live to praise your
 name; through Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

Blessing and Sending Out

President Alleluia. Christ is risen.
All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

President God, who through the
 Resurrection of our Lord
 Jesus Christ has given us
 the victory, give you joy
 and peace in your faith;
 and the blessing of God
 almighty, the Father, the
 Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain
with you always.
All Amen.

President Go in the peace of Christ.
Alleluia, alleluia.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia,
alleluia.

Final hymn - Alleluia, sing to Jesus!