

**Readings, Collect and Year's Mind
for Sunday 9th May
Easter 6**

In our Year's Mind this week, we pray for: Louisa London, William Eland, William Maclean, Edith Smith, Molly Natrass, Bill Boyd, Emily Langdon, Reg Botting

The Intercessions are being led by Rev Sue Whitehouse

Collect for Easter 6:

O God, from whom all good things arise:
grant such grace to those who call on you,
that, by your inspiration,
we may ponder those things that are right,
and, by your guidance, do them;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

Amen.

A Reading from Acts 10: 44-48

While Peter was speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptising these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98

1. Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things.
2. With his right hand and his holy arm has he won for himself the victory.
3. The Lord has made known his victory;
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
4. He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
5. Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice and sing.
6. Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.
7. With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
8. Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,
the lands and those who dwell therein.
9. Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth.
10. In righteousness shall he judge the world, and the peoples with equity.

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Thanks be to God.

The New Testament Reading is from 1 John 5: 1-6 (Read by Christine Sharp)

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading is from John 15: 9-17

Cong: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer:

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who lives and reigns,
now and for ever.

Amen