

Readings, Collect and Year's Mind
Sunday 22nd May, 2022
Easter 6

In our Year's Mind this week, we pray for Christine Reid, Mary Small, Irene Gray, Evelyn Martin, Stan Holtom, Zella Ashford, Doreen Stephen, Merelina Drummond, Mary Miller, Jack Boase, Jim McLaren

We pray too for Sylvia Neil and Alex McLeod who died recently.

We also give special prayers for Rachel, Marion M., Masami, Joan M., Delia, Nancy, Gonzalo, Jane T., Ukraine, its people, and the World, and the families and friends of Sylvia Neil & Alex McLeod.

The Intercessions are being led by Janet Young

The Collect for Easter 6 is:

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 16: 9-15 (Read by Margaret Garden)

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days.

On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her

household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 67

1. May God be merciful to us and bless us,
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
2. Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
4. Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.
5. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
6. The earth has brought forth her increase;
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
7. May God give us his blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A Reading from Revelation 21: 10, 22 – 22: 5

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. 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 is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day - and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading is John 14: 23-29

Glory to Christ our Saviour

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you."

If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

The sung Communion Setting is the Festival Mass by Noel Rawsthorne.

The Hymns are from Complete Hymns Old and New

227 God of mercy, God of grace
84 Breathe on me, breath of God
472 Now let us from this table rise

Anthem: If Ye Love Me, by Tallis