

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May & Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026**  
**The Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**Readings, Collect and Year's Mind**

**Opening Hymn**            NEH 351    Come, ye faithful, raise the anthem

**Collect for The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Almighty God,

your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life.

Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

**First Lesson        1 Peter 2: 2-10**

A reading from the First Letter of Peter, chapter 2, verses 2 to 10.

<sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— <sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup>Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and <sup>5</sup>like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in scripture:

‘See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious;  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.’

<sup>7</sup>To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

‘The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner’,

<sup>8</sup>and

‘A stone that makes them stumble,  
and a rock that makes them fall.’

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

<sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God's people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

**Sun 9am** Here endeth the Epistle.

**Sun 10.45** This is the Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Reading**      **John 14: 1-14**

A reading from the Gospel according to John, chapter 14, verses 1 to 14.

**Sun 9am** Glory be to thee, O Lord.

**Sun 10.45** Glory to Christ our Saviour.

[Jesus said to his disciples:] <sup>1</sup>'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going.'  
<sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.'  
<sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not,

then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

**Sun 9am** Thanks be to thee, O Lord, for this thy glorious Gospel.

**Sun 10.45** Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.  
**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

**Sun 9am; Thur 11am** (Prayer Book p. 344)

*Proper Preface from Easter Day until the eve of Ascension Day.*

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee  
for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord:  
for he is the very Paschal Lamb which was offered for us;  
and hath taken away the sin of the world;  
who by his death hath destroyed death,  
and by his rising to life again hath restored to us everlasting life.

Therefore with Angels....

**We offer particular prayers for**

Marian, Roddy, Hilary, Bill, Scott, Sheila K, Ian and Jenny, Joan M., Betty, Catherine, Catriona D, Delia, Jane T., Emma A., Alison B., Joseph, Johnny, Alice; Countries suffering war, violence or natural disaster; the people of Palestine, Israel, Lebanon, Iran, Ukraine and Sudan.

**We also include in our prayers those in our Year's Mind this week:**

Fiona Smith, Molly Natrass, Edna Black, Liz Ward, Helen Hutchinson.

**Offertory Hymn**      NEH 369      Happy are they, they that love God

<b>Anthem</b>	O Taste and See	Vaughan Williams
	Let us now praise famous men	Vaughan Williams

## **Post Communion Prayer for the Fifth Sunday of Easter**

God of love,  
in this eucharist we have heard your truth and shared in your life.  
May we always walk in your way,  
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.  
**Amen**

**Closing Hymn**                      NEH 205      Christ is made the sure foundation

## **Readings for the day**

Acts 7: 55-60; Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16; \*1 Peter 2: 2-10; \*John 14: 1-14

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