

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.**

## GREETING

In the name of the Father ..... **Amen.**  
The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

## PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have  
failed to do,  
through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

May almighty God have mercy on us.....  
**Amen.**

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

## THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father  
you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer; you are seated  
at the right hand of the Father  
have mercy on us;  
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.**

## OPENING PRAYER

Almighty ever-living God, constantly  
accomplish the Paschal Mystery within  
us, that those you were pleased to make  
new in Holy Baptism may, under your  
protective care, bear much fruit and  
come to the joys of life eternal.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

## FIRST READING Acts 14:21-27

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.**  
Paul and Barnabas went back through  
Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put  
fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging  
them to persevere in the faith. 'We all  
have to experience many hardships' they  
said 'before we enter the kingdom of  
God.' In each of these churches they  
appointed elders, and with prayer and  
fasting they commended them to the

Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and  
reached Pamphylia. Then after  
proclaiming the word at Perga they went  
down to Attalia and from there sailed for  
Antioch, where they had originally been  
commended to the grace of God for the  
work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the  
church and gave an account of all that  
God had done with them, and how he had  
opened the door of faith to the pagans.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 144:8-13

**R. I will bless your name for ever,  
O God my King. or Alleluia!**

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. **[R]**
2. All your creatures shall thank you,  
O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their  
blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your  
reign  
and declare your might, O God,  
to make known to men your mighty  
deeds  
and the glorious splendour of your  
reign. **[R]**
3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom;  
your rule lasts from age to age. **[R]**

## SECOND READING Apocalypse 21: 1-5

**A reading from the book of the Apocalypse**

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new  
earth; the first heaven and the first earth  
had disappeared now, and there was no  
longer any sea. I saw the holy city and the  
new Jerusalem, coming down from God  
out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all  
dressed for her husband. Then I heard a  
loud voice call from the throne, 'You see  
this city? Here God lives among men. He  
will make his home among them; they  
shall be his people, and he will be their  
God; his name is God-with-them. He  
will wipe away all tears from their eyes;  
there will be no more death, and no more  
mourning or sadness. The world of the  
past has gone. 'Then the One sitting on  
the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the  
whole of creation new.'

**The word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said:  
'I give you a new commandment:  
love one another, just as I have loved  
you.' Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL John 13: 31-35

**A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to John.**

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified,  
and in him God has been glorified. If God  
has been glorified in him God will in turn  
glorify him in himself, and will glorify him  
very soon. My little children, I shall not be  
with you much longer. I give you a new  
commandment: love one another; just as  
I have loved you, you also must love one  
another. By this love you have for one  
another, everyone will know that you are  
my disciples'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



## NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with  
the Father; through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,

*All bow for following three lines:*

and by the Holy Spirit  
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified  
under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and  
was buried, and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the  
right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver  
of life, who proceeds from the Father and  
the Son, who with the Father and the Son is  
adored and glorified, who has spoken through  
the prophets.  
I believe in one, holy,  
catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness  
of sins and I look forward to the resurrection  
of the dead and the life of the world to come.  
**Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray brothers and sisters....

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your  
hands for the praise and glory of his name, for  
your good and the good of all his holy Church.

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who by the wonderful exchange  
effected in this sacrifice have made us  
partakers of the one supreme Godhead,  
grant, we pray, that, as we have come to  
know your truth, we may make it ours by a  
worthy way of life.

Through Christ our Lord.

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**  
Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right and just.**

## SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.....

## AFTER THE CONSECRATION

*The mystery of faith.*

When we eat this Bread and drink this  
Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
until you come again.

## THE SIGN OF PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And with your spirit.**

## INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God, .....  
Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter  
under my roof, but only say the word and  
my soul shall be healed.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**I am the true vine and you are the  
branches, says the Lord.  
Whoever remains in me, and I in him,  
bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

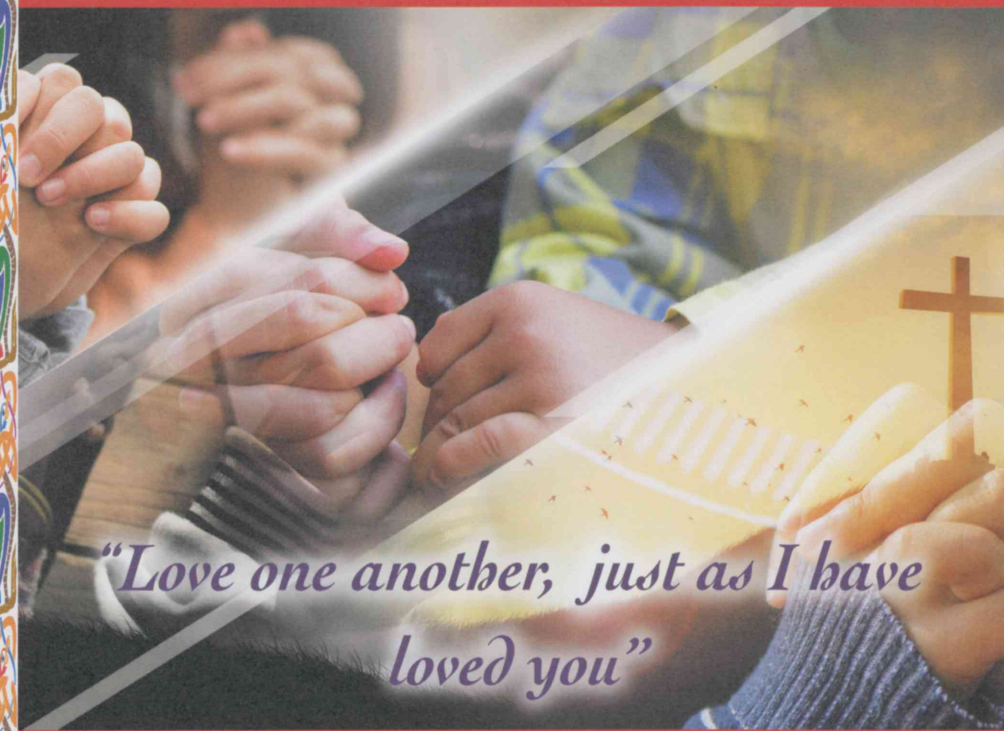
Graciously be present to your people,  
we pray, O Lord, and lead those you  
have imbued with heavenly mysteries to  
pass from former ways to newness of life.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**  
May the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy  
Spirit, come down on you and remain with  
you for ever. **Amen.**  
Go in peace,  
**Thanks be to God.**

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 18th May 2025

**The call of the risen Lord to love one another  
is the call to all his people to hand on their faith to each other  
and promote justice in our society.**



*"Love one another, just as I have  
loved you"*



Today's Gospel stands at the intersection between the old world  
of rules, regulations, and laws which Jesus was born into, and  
ushers in the age of compassionate, tender, unconditional love  
which we have been baptised into.

The language of glory was important for the audience Jesus was speaking to,  
as glory was associated with the powerful in society: the Roman rulers, the high  
priests, the rich. Yet the glorification Jesus speaks of is not a show of might or  
power: this is different kind of glory, where the lowliest of the land are glorified  
and raised up by the Lord through love. The Biblical concept of glory is very  
nuanced, and derives from various Hebrew and Greek usages of the word. While  
the Hebrew word kabod signifies the glory of God as seen in physical phenomena  
such as thunder and lightning, the Greek doxa refers to the divine characteristics  
of brightness, beauty, and sovereignty. The New Testament takes the word from  
the Jewish Scriptures and revolutionises it by applying it to the Cross, the most  
degrading and lowly public penitentiary act of the time.

Christ's love re-interprets the word 'commandment', as it is born out of self-  
sacrifice, reaching those who are burdened, who are suffering, who need to be  
glorified. We see in the world today how glory and love are often polarised, and  
can ask ourselves: who is being glorified in our society today? Who is being shown  
love? And where do I stand as a Christian?

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## Jesus' Story Liam Hickey



Jesus tells us that learning to love is more important than loving to learn.  
I can know all the rules about road safety, and still be selfish, and rude,  
with no thought for others. We learn to love with words like please, thank  
you, I am sorry, can I help, putting others first. We ask The Spirit of God  
in us to help.



