

St Swithun's, Hither Green

Parish Eucharist

Easter 7



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The Gathering

The Greeting

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Mother Juliet says some words of welcome.

Prayers of preparation

Whoever we are, whatever our names

May we hear the risen Christ calling us

to accept God's invitation to new life. **Amen**

Saying Sorry - Prayers of Penitence

Jesus says, 'If you love me, keep my commandments'.

When we feel the absence of your presence,

giving up the hope you promise us of the Holy Spirit with us.

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

When we are absent to those who need our presence
withholding our love and our kindness

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

When we forget to share the gifts we are given
and we are selfish instead of generous

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We are Forgiven - Absolution

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. **Amen.**

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest; **and peace to all people on earth.**

We listen to the music as we glorify God

The Collect

Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

The Liturgy of the Word

Bible Reading *Acts 1.15-17, 21-end*

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.

For the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Gospel Reading *John 17.6-19*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon *Mother Juliet*

Profession of Faith

**We believe in God, Creator,
Mother and Father of us all,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in Jesus, God's Son, Redeemer,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with love.**

**We believe in God, Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Creator, Redeemer and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Prayers

Loving God, we pray for faith, hope and love.

After the Ascension of Jesus, the Apostles went back to Jerusalem joining in continuous prayer and awaiting the coming of the Holy Spirit. We join together in prayer with each other and the Apostles.

Come Holy Spirit into our world...

let us keep silence as we pray for our world

Come Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit into our church...

let us keep silence as we pray for our church

Come Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit into our community...

let us keep silence as we pray for our community

Come Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit into our homes...

let us keep silence as we pray for our homes

Come Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit to those who need our prayers...

Especially Eva, Kayne, Shauna, Audra, Fran and family, Susan, Lamar, Maureen, Karen, Paulette and family, Catherine and

family, Canon Richard, Gwen, Pamela, Neil, Debbie, Clinton, Francis, Cynthia, Ivy, Taneisha, Talabi, Edith, Vanda, Lorna, Ena, Monica, Joan and Stephen.

let us keep silence as we pray for those who need our prayers

Come Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit to those who mourn the loss of their loved ones... We hold those who have died recently in your loving embrace - Susanna, Conrad, Carl and Annette.

Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord

And let light perpetual shine upon them

Come Holy Spirit

Merciful God

**Accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

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 Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**



On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them saying: *Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.*

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: *Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins: do this in remembrance of me.*

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**Our Father, who art in Heaven;
Hallowed be Thy name.**

Thy Kingdom come;

Thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread

And forgive us our trespasses

As we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation

But deliver us from evil,

For Thine is the Kingdom

The power and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Agnus Dei

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace

Giving of Communion

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Alleluia! Let us celebrate the feast!

Silence is kept.

Prayer after Communion

Father and mother of us all

Thank you for teaching us with your word.

Thank you for feeding us with bread and wine.

Thank you for the many gifts we have been given.

May we share what we have been given with others. Amen.

Notices: Wedding Banns
 PCC today at 11am
 Happy Birthday to all those who have a birthday.

The Blessing

God our Mother and Father,

by whose glory, Christ was raised from the dead,

strengthen you to live in faith, hope and love;

and the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer and Holy Spirit,

be with you this day and for ever. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

We are raised to new life with Christ.

Go in peace. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.