

St Saviour's Church

12 May 2019 - Easter IV



The gospel of the fourth Sunday of Easter is always from John chapter 10. Today's quite short passage is a reflection on the 'Good Shepherd'. The message is clear: it is all about Jesus. Going deeper though might enable us to consider those who have been given authority over others: teachers, clergy, parents, spiritual guides etc. We might even begin to pray with gratitude for the good shepherds we have known already in life as well as an examination of conscience about the times we don't exercise authority well.

Parish Notes:

Crowning of our Lady - the symbolic crowning of the image of Mary will take place today after our service. We do this in May, Mary's month, in honour of the BVM and in special recognition of her unique place in God's church.

Messy Church - The next Messy Church is in St German's this afternoon at 4pm. Please join us as we celebrate a family friendly reminder of Easter. The next St Saviour's MC is on Pentecost Sunday 9th June at 4pm. Help needed to prepare activities and join in the fund on the day. See Fr Phelim for details.

Clergy School - Fr Phelim (with the other clergy, ordinands and diocesan officers) is away this week retracing some of the ancient pilgrim steps on the Camino de Santiago. Please pray that this week may renew the life and ministry of those called to service in our diocese. No services this week in St German's as a result.

Christian Aid Week - is from 12-18 May. We need volunteers to make cakes for our Bake Sale after mass on 19th May. Donations of cakes and money would be gratefully received on behalf of CA. Thank you in advance.

Benediction w music from Taize - St Saviour's next Sunday 19 May at 6pm.

Easter Course - 'Faith Pictures' course (a faith nurturing course created by the Church Army to encourage confidence in sharing our joyful faith stories). Mondays after the 6pm mass in St German's and Tuesdays after the 10am Mass in St Saviour's. No course this week but resumes the week after.

Social Events: Coffee Morning for Christian Aid after mass on Sunday 19 May. Sunday 30 June - Strawberry Tea at 3pm in aid of Church funds.

Recently Departed: Joan Margaret Howes RIP

This week:

Sun 12 Easter III

9:30 Sung Mass (St S)

11am Sung Mass (St G)

4pm Messy Church (St G)

Mon 13:

No mass today (St G)

Tues 14:

10am Mass (St S)

St Matthias, Apostle

Wed 15:

No mass today (St G)

Thur 16:

5:45pm Mass (St S)

Fri 17:

6:00pm Mass (St S)

Sat 18:

11am Mass (St S.)

Sun 19: Easter V

St Saviour's:

9:30 Sung Mass;

6pm Benediction

St German's:

11:00 am Sung Mass

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READINGS THIS WEEK

Acts 13:14, 43-52

Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5

Rev 7:9, 14b-17

John 10:27-30

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Acts 14:21-27

Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13

Rev 21:1-5a

John 13:31-33a, 34-35

PSALM RESPONSE

We are his people, the
sheep of his flock.
(3vv)

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

GATHERING:

You servants of God,
your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful name;
the name all-victorious of Jesus extol;
his kingdom is glorious
and rules over all.

God rules in the height,
almighty to save;
though hid from our sight,
his presence we have;
the great congregation
his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

"Salvation to God,
who sits on the throne!"
let all cry aloud, and honour the Son;
the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces
and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore and give him his right:
all glory and power,
all wisdom and might,
all honour and blessing
with angels above
and thanks never ceasing
for infinite love.

PSALM:

The Lord's my shepherd,
I'll not want;
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.

**And I will trust in You alone,
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.**

He guides my ways in righteousness,
And He anoints my head with oil,

And my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For You are with me,
and Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.

OFFERTORY:

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest
drought and storm.
What heights of love,
what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled,
when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied -
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine -
Bought with the precious
blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand:
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

COMMUNION:

Sing of a girl in the ripening wheat,
flow'rs in her hand, the sun in her hair.
All the world will run to her feet for the
child that mother will bear.

Sing of a girl that the angels surround,
dust in her hand, and straw in her hair.
Kings and their crowns
will fall to the ground

before the child that mother will bear.

Sing of a girl on a hillside alone, blood
on her hand, and grey in her hair.
Sing of a body broken and torn. Oh, the
child that mother will bear!

Sing of the girl
that a new man will meet,
hand in his hand, the wind in her hair.
Joy will rise as golden as wheat
with the child that mother will bear.

Sing of a girl in a circle of love, fire on
her head, the light in her hair.
Sing of the hearts the spirit will move to
love the child that mother will bear!

Sing of a girl who will never grow old,
joy in her eyes and gold in her hair.
Through the ages men will be told of the
child that mother will bear.

FINAL HYMN:

*O Mary we crown thee
with blossoms today!
Queen of the Angels
and Queen of the May.
O Mary we crown thee
with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels
and Queen of the May.*

Bring flowers of the rarest
bring blossoms the fairest,
from garden and woodland
and hillside and dale;
our full hearts are swelling,
our glad voices telling
the praise of the loveliest flower of the
vale! *Refrain*

Their lady they name thee,
Their mistress proclaim thee,
Ah, grant that thy children
on earth be as true
as long as the bowers
are radiant with flowers,
as long as the azure
shall keep its bright hue *Refrain*

Sing gaily in chorus;
the bright angels o'er us
re-echo the strains we begin upon earth;
their harps are repeating
the notes of our greeting,
for Mary herself
is the cause of our mirth *Refrain*

FIRST READING

The First reading is from the book of Acts.

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the Sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord.

Acts 13

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*We are his people,
the sheep of his flock.*

Cry out with joy to the Lord,
all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. *R/*

Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

R/

Indeed, how good is the Lord,

eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. *R/*
Psalm 100

SECOND READING

The Second Reading is from the book of Revelations.

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Rev. 7

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John.

Jesus said: 'My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

John 10

REGINA CAELI

(Said or sung after the last hymn during the season of Easter).

Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven, alleluia.
He whom thou
wast meet to bear, alleluia.
As he promised, hath arisen, alleluia.
Pour for us to him thy prayer, alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary,
alleluia.

For the Lord has risen indeed, alleluia.

Let us pray:
O God, by the Resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, you have brought joy to the whole world: grant that, by the help of his mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life; through Christ the Lord.
Amen.