

St Mary of Charity

Parish Church Faversham

Fifth Sunday in Easter

19 May 2019

Welcome to the beautiful church of St Mary of Charity. Please do stay for a drink and fellowship. If you are here for the first time, please make yourself known to one of the clergy.

For our prayers:

- the St Mary of Charity clergy team and lay ministry and all whose ministry is in Faversham and the Ospringe Deanery;
- those affected by 'natural disasters' and extreme weather in the world;
- the bereaved;
- those elected to represent us in local councils or parliament;
- those who work in disaster relief;
- those affected by the Grenfell Tower fire;
- those who are homeless or vulnerably housed;
- those who are experiencing financial hardship;
- those who work for the emergency services;
- those who are receiving medical treatment;
- those who volunteer their time for the good of others;
- the people of Syria, Iraq, Iran and Afghanistan; and
- all who live in fear of violence and aggression.

9 am Matins

10.30 am Family Eucharist (CW)
with Rev Dan Corcoran

Readings:

Genesis 22:1-18 9 am only

Acts 11:1-18 9 am only

Revelation 21:1-6

John 13:31-35

COLLECT:

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son
Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened
to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace
going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord .
Amen

Next Sunday:

Sixth Sunday in Easter

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Acts 16:9-15

John 14:23-29



9 am Matins

Psalm	142
Canticles	Venite & Jubilate
Anthem	See the fair chivalry; <i>Ashfield</i>
Opening	Light's abode, celestial Salem
Offertory	There's a wideness in God's mercy



Light's abode, celestial Salem,
vision whence true peace doth spring,
brighter than the heart can fancy,
mansion of the highest King;
O how glorious are the praises
which of thee the prophets sing!

There for ever and for ever
alleluia is outpoured;
for unending, for unbroken,
is the feast-day of the Lord;
all is pure and all is holy
that within thy walls is stored.

There no cloud or passing vapour
dims the brightness of the air;
endless noon-day, glorious noon-day,
from the Sun of suns is there;
there no night brings rest from labour,
for unknown are toil and care.

Laud and honour to the Father,
 laud and honour to the Son,
laud and honour to the Spirit,
 ever Three and ever One,
consubstantial, co-eternal,
 while unending ages run.

There's a wideness in God's mercy

 like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice
 which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
 are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
 have such kindly judgement given.

For the love of God is broader
 than the measure of our mind,
and the heart of the Eternal
 is most wonderfully kind.

But we make his love too narrow
 by false limits of our own;
and we magnify his strictness
 with a zeal he would not own.

There is plentiful redemption
 through the blood that has been shed ;
there is joy for all the members
 in the sorrows of the Head.
There is grace enough for thousands
 of new worlds as great as this ;
there is room for fresh creations
 in that upper home of bliss.

If our love were but more simple,
 we should take him at his word ;
and our lives would be all gladness
 in the joy of Christ our Lord.



God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And Abraham said, 'Here I am.' God said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.' So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.' Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And Abraham said, 'Here I am, my son.' Isaac said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?' Abraham said, 'God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' The angel said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.' And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place 'The LORD will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.'

The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, 'By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing

for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.'

Here ends the Lesson.

Epistle

Acts 11:1-18

The apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very

moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Revelation 21:1-6

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

‘See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.’

And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.’ .

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

John 13:31-35

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

During the supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



Ascension Day - 30 May 2019

This year's Ascension Day service will be at
7.30 pm on Thursday, 30 May 2019

and will be held at

St Mary Magdalene with St Lawrence,
Davington and The Brents

Please do come and join us for this moving
service.

**From the beginning of May,
the Wednesday morning Eucharist
at St Mary of Charity will take place on
the first, third and (if appropriate) fifth
Wednesdays in the month at 10.30 am.**

**On the second and fourth Tuesdays
in the month, there will be a Eucharist
at St Catherine's at 10 am if anyone
would like to attend.**

**REV SIMON ROWLANDS IS ON A
SABBATICAL UNTIL 31 JULY 2019.
DURING MAY IF YOU WISH TO SPEAK TO A
MEMBER OF THE CLERGY ON A PASTORAL
MATTER, PLEASE CALL 01227 634762
AND ASK FOR REV DOUGLAS TURTON.**

Please do try to remain aware at all times of where your valuables are while you are in the building and do not leave bags, or any items you wouldn't want to lose, unattended during services or hospitality.

Unfortunately, this includes Eucharist; although we have Churchwardens and Sidespeople, they cannot be everywhere.

**Notices for Monthly Notice Sheet to Catriona by
Wednesday, 29 May, very latest!**

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