

The Haverfordwest Local Ministry Area
Sunday 14th May: Easter 5

Receiving Communion

Anyone who is baptised in the Name of the Trinity is welcome to receive Communion in this church. When you come to receive, hold out your hands and you will be given bread and wine. If you would like a blessing instead, please indicate by holding your service book in your hands. Children under 5 can receive the bread. Over 5's may receive either bread and wine or the bread alone as parents decide. If you are not yet baptised, please speak to us. We would love to welcome you into the family of the Church.

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, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING (Acts 7. 55-60)

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

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

PSALM (Psalm 31. 1-5)

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be / put to / shame :
de/liver me / in your / righteousness.

Incline your / ear to / me :
make / haste / to de/liver me.

Be my strong rock, a fortress to save me,
for you are my / rock and my / stronghold :
guide me, and / lead me / for your / name's sake.

Take me out of the net that they have laid / secretly / for me :
for / you / are my / strength.

Into your hands I com/mend my / spirit :
for you have redeemed me, O / Lord / God of / truth.

SECOND READING (1 Peter 2. 2-10)

Like new-born infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and 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. 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.' 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', 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.

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

GOSPEL (John 14. 1-14)

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. 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? 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. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said

to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.'

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"? 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. 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. 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. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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Messy Church in Haverfordwest Local Ministry Area

We are soon hoping to start a Messy Church in Haverfordwest, which will travel around different parts of the ministry Area. You may have heard of Messy Church in other places. Messy Church is fun church for everyone of all ages. Lots of families enjoy getting together for Messy Church. A Bible story makes the theme for each meeting. There are games, craft activities, the Bible story, songs and food which we share together. We would love to tell you more. But to start a Messy Church, we need your help! If you are interesting in knowing more or being involved, I would love to hear from you – Alun.

Next week's Notices

Wednesday 17th May

10:00am Mass followed by coffee at St Martins

4:00pm Junior Singers at St Marys

Friday 19th May

11:00am Holy Eucharist followed by tea and toast at St Marys

12:00pm Lunchtime talk: 'Growing up in the new South Africa' by Fr Edward at St Marys

Saturday 20th May

7.30pm Baroque Concert by Tempus at St Mary's. Tickets available from the Vicar

Easter 6 (Rogation Sunday): Sunday 21st May

8:00am Low Mass at St Martins, Haverfordwest

9:30 Sung Parish Mass at St Martins

10:15am Holy Eucharist & Baptism at St Ismaels, Camrose

11:15am Sung Parish Eucharist at St Marys, Haverfordwest

3.00pm Parish Family Service at St Mark's School, Merlins Bridge

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