

**The Haverfordwest Local Ministry Area**  
**The Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2016**

**Prayer request:** *Please add any prayer requests to the book at the entrance to church before the service, and they shall be included in the intercessions during the service.*

**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 11. 1-18**

Now 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.'

## **PSALM**

### **Psalms 148. 1-6**

Alleluia. Praise the Lord / from the / heavens :  
praise / – him / in the / heights.

Praise him, all / you his / angels :  
praise / – him / all his / host.

Praise him / sun and / moon :  
praise him / all you / stars of / light.

Praise him / heaven of / heavens :  
and you / waters a/bove the / heavens.

Let them praise the / name of the / Lord :  
for he commanded / and they / were cre/ated.

He made them fast for / ever and / ever :  
he gave them a law which / shall not / pass a/way.

## **SECOND READING**

### **Revelation 21. 1-6**

Then I 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.'

## **GOSPEL**

### **John 13. 31-35**

When he 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.'

## **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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## **Notices**

### **Today (Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April)**

- **Camrose Annual Vestry Meeting** will be held following the 10.15am Eucharist service.
- **5.00pm Service of Healing and Wholeness** at St Martin's Church.

### **Wednesday**

**10.00am Mass at St Martin's**, followed by coffee in the hall.

### **Friday**

**11.00am Holy Eucharist at St Mary's**, followed by tea and toast.

### **Next Sunday – Rogation Sunday**

**6.00pm Rogation Sunday Service** at St Martin's Church, Haverfordwest.

### **Services next Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> May – The Sixth Sunday of Easter** **Rogation Sunday**

- **8.00am Low Mass at St Martin's, Haverfordwest**
- **9.30am Sung Parish Mass at St Martin's, Haverfordwest**
- **10.15am Parish Eucharist at St Ismael's, Camrose**
- **11.15am Sung Parish Eucharist at St Mary's, Haverfordwest**
- **6.00pm Rogation Sunday Service at St Martin's, Haverfordwest**

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