

**The Haverfordwest Local Ministry Area**  
**The Sixth Sunday of Easter – Rogation Sunday**  
**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May, 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**

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **FIRST READING**

### **Acts 16. 9-15**

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

## **PSALM**

### **Psalms 67**

God be gracious to / us and / bless us :  
and make his / face to / shine up/on us,

That your way may be / known upon / earth :  
your saving / power a/mong all / nations.

Let the peoples / praise you, O / God :

let / all the / peoples / praise you.

O let the nations re/joyce and be / glad :  
for you will judge the peoples righteously  
and govern the / nations / upon / earth.

Let the peoples / praise you, O / God :  
let / all the / peoples / praise you.

Then shall the earth bring / forth her / increase :  
and God, our / own / God, will / bless us.

God / will / bless us :  
and all the / ends of the / earth shall / fear him.

## **SECOND READING**

### **Revelation 21. 10, 22 – 22.5**

And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day – and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

## **GOSPEL**

### **John 5. 1-9**

After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids – blind,

lame, and paralysed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, 'Do you want to be made well?' The sick man answered him, 'Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.' Jesus said to him, 'Stand up, take your mat and walk.' At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Bountiful God, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

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## **Notices**

### **Today – Rogation Sunday**

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

**Monday** – Bank Holiday

### **Wednesday**

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

**7.00pm LMA Ministry Team Meeting** at St Martin's Vicarage.

### **Friday**

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

**12.30pm Lunchtime Concert** by the Cleddau Chamber Orchestra, at St Mary's Church. Free admission and tea/coffee. Donations welcome.

### **Saturday**

**10.30am-4.00pm St Mary's Church Open Day**

**1.30-5.00pm South Wales Bellringers** will be ringing at St Mary's

**8.00pm Concert** by the Haverfordwest Male Voice Choir and the Sepp-Ganter Band from Oberkirch at St Mary's Church.

### **Next Sunday**

**11.15am The Sepp-Ganter Band** from Oberkirch will be joining us and will be accompanying our music for the Eucharist in St Mary's.

**1.00pm Friends of St Mary's Lunch** at The Glen Hotel.

**3.00pm-4.30pm LMA Kids Club** at St Thomas' Church Hall

**Services next Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> May – The Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**Sunday after Ascension**

- 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

With the Sepp-Ganter band from Oberkirch

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