

**The Haverfordwest Local Ministry Area**  
**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May: Easter 6 – Rogation Sunday**

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**

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 17:22–31)**

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.” Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

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

## **PSALM (Psalm 66:8–20)**

Bless our God, / O you / peoples :  
make the voice of his / praise / to be / heard,

Who holds our / souls in / life :  
and suffers / not our / feet to / slip.

For you, O / God, have / proved us :  
you have / tried us as / silver is / tried.

You brought us / into the / snare :  
you laid heavy / burdens up/on our / backs.

You let enemies ride over our heads;  
we went through / fire and / water :  
but you brought us out / into a / place of / liberty.

I will come into your house with burnt offerings  
and will / pay you my / vows :  
which my lips uttered  
and my mouth promised / when I / was in / trouble.

I will offer you fat burnt sacrifices with the / smoke of / rams :  
I will / sacrifice / oxen and / goats.

Come and listen, all you who / fear / God :  
and I will tell you what / he has / done for my / soul.

I called out to him / with my / mouth :  
and his / praise was / on my / tongue.

If I had nursed evil / in my / heart :  
the / Lord would / not have / heard me,

But in truth / God has / heard me :  
he has / heeded the / voice • of my / prayer.

Blessed be God, who has not / rejected my / prayer :  
nor withheld his / loving / mercy / from me.

## **SECOND READING (1 Peter 3:13–22)**

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went

and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

### **GOSPEL (John 14:15–21)**

‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

‘I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.’

### **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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### **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

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May

**3:00pm Parish Family Service** at St Marks School Merlins Bridge

### Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

**2.00pm Wedding** at St Martin's Church

### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May

**10:00am Mass** followed by coffee at St Martins

**12.30pm Funeral** at St Mary's Church

**4:00pm Junior Singers** at St Marys

### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May

**7:30pm Ascension Day Eucharist** at St Martin's Church

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May

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

**12:00pm Lunchtime talk: 'My Cruise on the Rhine River' by Pat Barker** at St Marys Church, Haverfordwest

### Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May

**7:00pm 'Strictly Haverfordwest'** at St Martins Church Hall – social evening of dancing and bring-and-share buffet.

### Easter 7: Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May

**8:00am Low Mass** at St Martins, Haverfordwest

**9:30am Sung Parish Mass** at St Martins

**10:15am Holy Eucharist** at St Ismaels, Camrose

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

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