

The Haverfordwest Local Ministry Area
Sunday 28th May: Easter 7 – Sunday after Ascension

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

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING (Acts 1. 6-14)

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

PSALM (Psalm 68. 1-10)

Let God arise and let his / enemies be / scattered :
let those that / hate him / flee be/fore him.

As the smoke vanishes, so may they / vanish a/way :
as wax melts at the fire,
so let the wicked / perish • at the / presence of / God.

But let the righteous be glad and re/joyce before / God :
let / them make / merry with / gladness.

Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
exalt him who / rides on the / clouds :
the Lord is his / name; re/joyce be/fore him.

Father of the fatherless, de/fender of / widows :
God in his / holy / habi/tation!

God gives the solitary a home
and brings forth prisoners to / songs of / welcome :
but the rebellious in/habit a / burning / desert.

O God, when you went forth be/fore your / people :
when you / marched / through the / wilderness,

The earth shook and the heavens dropped down rain,
at the presence of God, the / Lord of / Sinai :
at the presence of / God, the / God of / Israel.

You sent down a gracious / rain, O / God :
you refreshed your in/heritance when / it was / weary.

Your people / came to / dwell there :
in your goodness, O God, / you pro/vide • for the / poor.

SECOND READING (1 Peter 4. 12-14; 5. 6-11)

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

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GOSPEL (John 17. 1-11)

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal Giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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This week's notices

Wednesday 31st May

10:00am Mass followed by coffee at St Martins

11.00am Mayor-making ceremony at Bethesda Baptist Church

11.00am-2.00pm 'Party at the Palace' Family fun day to meet the bishop, at Abergwili Museum.

Friday 1st June

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

12:00pm Lunchtime event: 'Vivaldi and Venice' a film at St Marys Church, Haverfordwest

6.30pm for 7.00pm St Martin's Italian Extravaganza Three course Italian Banquet at St Martin's Church Hall. Booking by 31st May – tel: 760524 or 765307

Sunday 4th June - Pentecost

8:00am Low Mass at St Martins, Haverfordwest

9:30am Sung Parish Mass at St Martins

10:15am Family Eucharist at St Ismaels, Camrose

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

6.00pm Parish Choral Evensong at St Martin's

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