



**Welcome to**  
**St Andrew's for a service of Holy**  
**Communion**  
*1<sup>st</sup> June 2025*  
**Seventh Sunday after Easter**  
***Sunday after Ascension Day***

### **The Greeting**

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**  
Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

### **Hymn: Christ is made the sure foundation**

### **Prayer of Preparation**

**Almighty God,**  
**to whom all hearts are open,**  
**all desires known,**  
**and from whom no secrets are hidden:**  
**cleanse the thoughts of our hearts**  
**by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,**  
**that we may perfectly love you,**  
**and worthily magnify your holy name;**  
**through Christ our Lord.**  
**Amen.**

## **Invitation to confession**

What God has prepared for those who love him,  
He has revealed to us through the Spirit;  
for the Spirit searches everything.

Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord,  
who has prepared good things for those who love him.

*1 Corinthians 2.9,10*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.**

**We are truly sorry**

**and repent of all our sins.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,**

**forgive us all that is past**

**and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name.**

**Amen.**

## **Absolution**

May the God of love and power  
forgive *you* and free *you* from *your* sins,  
heal and strengthen *you* by his Spirit,  
and raise *you* to new life in Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis (Sung version)**

## **The Collect**

Let us pray that we may reign with the risen Christ in glory.

*Silence is kept.*

*The Collect is said, and the people respond,*

**Amen.**

## **Reading**

### **Acts 16.16–34**

*At the end:*

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## **Hymn: I heard the voice of Jesus say**

## **Reading**

### **John 17.20–26**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord  
Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you O Christ**

**Sermon**

**Hymn: Alleluia, sing to Jesus**

**Profession of faith**

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ,  
his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

*This response may be used:*  
Lord in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer**

*At the end:*  
Merciful Father,  
**Accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son our Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
Amen**

### **The Peace**

God has made us one in Christ.  
He has set his seal upon us and,  
as a pledge of what is to come,  
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

*cf 2 Corinthians 1.22*

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you  
**and also with you.  
Alleluia.**

**Hymn: I cannot tell**

## Preparation of the Table

Lord of all and source of our joy,  
receive our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.  
Keep us in the love of Christ  
and bring us to the vision of his glory;  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## Eucharistic Prayer A

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For he is our great high priest  
who has entered once and for all  
into the heavenly sanctuary,  
evermore to pour upon your Church  
the grace and comfort of your Holy Spirit.

He is the one who has gone before us,  
who calls us to be united in prayer  
as were his disciples in the upper room  
while they awaited his promised gift,  
the life-giving Spirit of Pentecost.

Therefore all creation yearns  
with eager longing  
as angels and archangels sing the endless hymn of praise:  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.  
**To you be glory and praise for ever.**

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

**To you be glory and praise for ever.**

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit,  
inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

**To you be glory and praise for ever.**

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,



in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power**

**be yours for ever and ever.**

**Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Rejoicing in God's new creation, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,**

**your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,**

**and the glory are yours**

**now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

Jesus says, I am the bread of life,

Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever.

**Lord, our hearts hunger for you;**

**Give us this bread always.**

### **Agnus Dei**

**Jesus, Lamb of God,**

**have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins,**

**have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
grant us peace.**

**Giving of Communion**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

**Alleluia.**

**Music for distribution of communion**

**Prayer After Communion**

*The priest prays after communion and the people respond:*

**Amen.**

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you  
our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work  
to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

## **Notices**

### Archdeacon's Visitations

11<sup>th</sup> June – St George Chadderton

19<sup>th</sup> June – Holy Family Failsworth

24<sup>th</sup> June – Manchester Cathedral

30<sup>th</sup> June – Holy Trinity Platt

It is a legal requirement for all churchwardens to be admitted into office

The act of admission at the Visitation is an important and significant event for your Parish.

*The Venerable Archdeacons of Manchester, Rochdale, Salford and Bolton further request that members of the clergy should be present at the Visitation to support the lay officers of the Parish. All members of parochial church councils are also invited to accompany the churchwardens and sidespeople.*

## **The Blessing**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth,

give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,

and strengthen you to proclaim the word and words of God.

And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you all, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Hymn: Lift high the cross**

## **The Dismissal**

We are raised to new life with Christ.

Go in his peace.

Alleluia, alleluia.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

## **Exit Music**

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