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## SS PETER AND PAUL, TORREVIEJA

*The Church of England worshipping in Word and Sacrament at Lago Jardín, Los Balcones and La Siesta and ministering through the southern Costa Blanca and eastern Murcia.*

*A truly Eucharistic community of faith and love.*

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### FATHER RICHARD'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

1<sup>st</sup> May 2022

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

8<sup>th</sup> May 2022

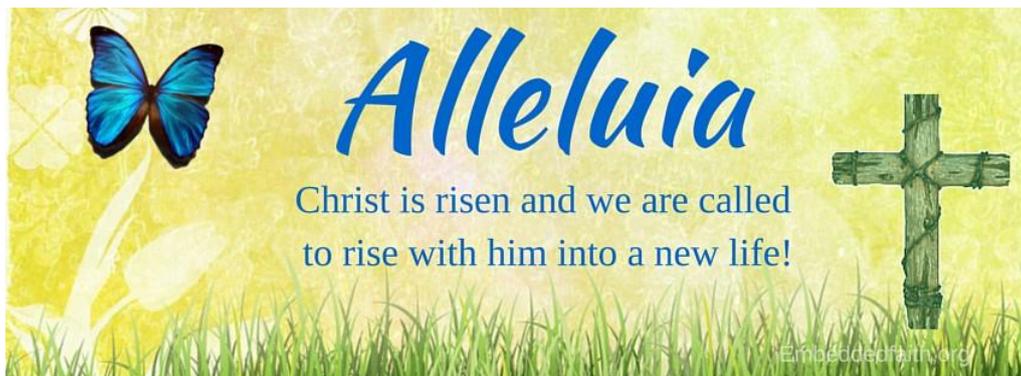
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

15<sup>th</sup> May 2022

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



**WELCOME TO THE CHAPLAINCY OF SS PETER AND PAUL, TORREVIEJA.  
ALL ARE WELCOME TO SHARE IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN  
THIS CHAPLAINCY.**

**AN EXHORTATION**

I was recently undertaking some liturgical study and found this from the 1962 Book of Common Prayer of the Anglican Church of Canada. It is one of the exhortations spoken by the Priest in the Holy Eucharist:

*I, FOR my part shall be ready to celebrate the holy Eucharist; and according to mine office, I call you in Christ's behalf to come to this heavenly Feast. It is an easy matter for a man to say, I will not communicate, because I am otherwise hindered with worldly business. But such excuses are not so easily accepted before God. If any one say, I am a grievous sinner, and therefore I am afraid to come; wherefore then do ye not repent and amend? For as the Son of God willingly yielded up his soul by death upon the Cross for your salvation; so it is your duty to receive the holy Communion, in remembrance of the sacrifice of his death, as he himself commanded.*

*Wherefore I bid you in God's Name not to separate yourselves from your brethren, but to prepare yourselves, and to come to feed upon the banquet of this most heavenly Food.*

**Home Communions**

Father Richard will take Holy Communion to people at home according to their circumstances. This is a privilege and enables for prayer in the home at difficult times and for the communicant to receive Holy Communion at home. Please never hesitate to contact me if you would like Holy Communion at home if you are unable to come to church because of sickness or being housebound. Obviously Covid circumstances are taken into consideration.

Here are some guidelines to assist you:

1. If you can, please arrange a surface with a white cloth upon which I can place the Blessed Sacrament. If this is difficult please do not worry too much but it is appreciated.
2. The Priest will not enter into general conversation until after the celebration which lasts about ten minutes. Then he would appreciate a cup of tea and chat with you but if your circumstances don't allow, please do not worry.
3. Please consider giving a donation to the Church for the Priest's ministry. He will have had to drive to you and it also enables you to give your weekly collection to support the priestly ministry in the parish / chaplaincy. This means there can be a Priest available for you and for others with a priestly presence in the parish / chaplaincy. It is a long-established custom – if you can – to make an offering to the Church in thankfulness for the ministry of the Church.
4. You don't have to tidy up before the priest arrives! Just prepare spiritually for an encounter with Christ in the Eucharist by being prayerful before his arrival.

## **Father Richard writes:**

Dear friends

The joy of Easter continues. This newsletter covers four weekends as I shall be away for two of them visiting my mother for the first time since the Pandemic and then leading a funeral course in Madrid to train diocesan Readers in taking funerals. Bishop David invited me to lead this course.

We will be welcoming Father Robert back to the Chaplaincy in April and May and he will be looking after things when I am away. I know everyone will be pleased to see him again.

Joan, Jill, and Michael will send any updates and information during this period if, as, and when necessary.

Congratulations to David Fairbrother who won the second prize in the Easter Hamper Raffle, to Hazel Prowling who won the third and to .... me .... on winning the first prize. Thank you to Joan and Sue for organising everything and making the prizes look so beautiful. We raised 210 euros and sold all the tickets.

Once again, a very Happy Easter to you all as we celebrate the fifty days of Easter.

Your priest and friend,  
Father Richard

### **FINANCIAL GIVING TO THE CHAPLAINCY**

There are various ways of giving financially to the Chaplaincy for the work of the Church:

1. You can give in the plate each week.
2. You can join our envelope scheme to give a regular amount on a weekly basis - and set aside money for those weeks when you cannot be here.
3. **You are encouraged to set up a standing order to the Chaplaincy - this helps us budget more effectively.**

If you are a UK tax payer you can gift aid your giving.

If you are a Spanish tax payer you can have a tax offset by notifying your accountant when arranging your yearly tax along with the Spanish bank account number who will then arrange a claim and the money will be donated back to the Chaplaincy.

One off donations would be gratefully received to assist us at this difficult time.  
Thank you for your help.

For more information contact Father Richard, the Churchwardens, or your Congregational Warden.

The Chaplaincy relies on generous and sacrificial giving in response to a generous God who sacrificed his Son for us all on the cross.

**Spanish Bank details.** Banco Sabadell.  
IBAN number ES65 0081 2061 7900 0106 0414  
BSAB ESBB / Capellania Anglicana de Torrevieja

**UK Bank details.** Barclays Bank PLC Account name: Diocese in Europe Fund

Account number: 40317039 Sort code: 20-06-13. Address : Tufton Street, London Please state TORREVIEJA as the reference so the money is correctly applied. The IBAN number is: GB16 BUKB 2006 1340 31 70 39.

God bless you all for your support.  
Peter and Jennifer (Churchwardens)



### **Sue's Homemade Lemon Curd and Jill's Homemade Marmalade**

Sue Brassington is now selling homemade lemon curd after each service. Please see her if you would like to buy / order some. Thank you, Sue!  
Jill Dorsett is receiving orders for homemade marmalade. Thank you, Jill!



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### **Church of England Chaplaincy of SS Peter and Paul, Torrevieja**

We are a Covid 19 secure Chaplaincy. Please bear in mind your own self-care, your level of vulnerability and your age according to the risks involved.  
If you have COVID-19 symptoms please stay at home.

The rules in Spain have changed. You no longer have to wear a mask in church (though if you chose to that is perfectly acceptable to protect yourself and protect others).

Hand sanitizer will still be available as you enter the church.

*You are encouraged still to use this to protect yourself and others.*

Holy Communion will still be administered in one kind for the time being until we see the effects of the new dispensation in Spain regarding infection.

You will be able to line up for Holy Communion instead of coming up individually.

Holy Communion will once again be offered with the words "The Body of Christ" to which you say **Amen** before consuming the Sacred Host.

Holy Communion (in one kind still for the time being) will continue to be offered in front of the altar as we have been doing since the Pandemic.

Regarding the sharing of the Sign of Peace, we will remain with the status quo for the time being until we see what happens with infection rates.

## THE PANDEMIC AND THE MONTHS AHEAD

1. Lago Jardín Church will remain closed until further notice. *In due course the Chaplaincy Council will decide the way forward. However, as the Church is being used to store so much stuff from Los Balcones we will need to wait.*
2. There is to be a building project to renovate the church but **Los Balcones church is now closed for the foreseeable future. It will re-open but it is impossible to say when. All services for the Chaplaincy will be held at La Siesta.**
3. La Siesta - these services will be for the whole Chaplaincy so please make every effort to be there and support the liturgical life of the Chaplaincy.

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	1130
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	1700
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	1130
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	1700
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	1700
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	1130

The live-streamed liturgies continue:

1. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/chaplaintorrevieja> and ask to join the group.
2. You will be asked three questions. Please complete them and agree to the rules of the group.
3. When the livestream starts it will appear on your device in the Facebook stream. The stream will start a few minutes before the broadcast so you can get settled in. You can only see this when I start the livestream.

## WORSHIP FOR THE WEEKS AHEAD:

**There are changes to our pattern this month for various reasons.**

Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	1700	Evening Prayer	<i>Live-streamed</i>
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	1130	Holy Eucharist	<i>La Siesta / Live-streamed</i>
	1800	Evening Prayer	<i>Live-streamed</i>
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	1700	Holy Eucharist	<i>La Siesta</i>
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	1800	Evening Prayer and Holy Rosary	<i>Live-streamed</i>
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	1130	Holy Eucharist	<i>La Siesta</i>
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	1800	Evening Prayer	<i>Live-streamed</i>
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	1800	Evening Prayer	<i>Live-streamed</i>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	1800	Evening Prayer	<i>Live-streamed</i>
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	1700	Holy Eucharist	<i>La Siesta / Live-streamed</i>

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

1100 Holy Eucharist

*Live-streamed*

1800 Evening Prayer

*Live-streamed*



### **The Blessed Sacrament Lamp at Lago Jardín**

Because Lago Jardín is not going to be used for the foreseeable future (until social distancing rules change) the Blessed Sacrament has been removed from Lago Jardín to be kept safely at the Chaplaincy House.

If you would like a Mass intention, please contact Father Richard.

### **Father Richard's Prayer List for May 2022:**

*Please pray for the sick and those in particular need at this time:*

David, Theo, Patricia Gilbert, Geoff Critchley, Marie Creighton, Jennifer Moody, Faras,

Justin Clarke, Peter John, Mo and Bryan Bailey, Bernice, Luke Thompson, Gwen Simmons, Kathryn Moore, Isaac Jalal, Father Terence, John Mileham, Samantha Shaw, Alex, Gerry Hopkins, Father Helge, Solveig Petterson, Eileen Catlin.

### **Please pray for the recently departed:**

*Those killed as a result of the conflict in Ukraine.*

+ Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.

### **Please advise Father Richard if there are any corrections to the above list.**

*If you wish a name to be added to the list of the sick you need to email Father Richard or write to him giving permission for yourself or ensure permission has been granted by someone else for their name to appear on this list. (GDPR regulations).*

*Please pray for the Anglican Church in Perú, for Bishop Jorge Aguilar, and the Bishops, Priests, Deacons and Laity there.*

### **Making a Spiritual Communion. Something recommended for us all each day when we cannot participate in the Holy Eucharist.**

Even if we are watching a livestreamed Mass (and the times of our Chaplaincy livestreamed celebrations of the Eucharist are listed in the newsletter) we are invited to pause when the Priest receives Holy Communion and make our own spiritual communion. We can say it silently to ourselves or speak it out loud. In this way we are joined with Our Lord in his suffering and death for the world and we are united to His Most Sacred Heart. In these most worrying of days we know Our Lord is there and we can join ourselves to him just as he joins himself with us. This is a great blessing, comfort and strength.

Choose one of these prayers:

*My Jesus,*

*I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.*

*I love You above all things,*

*and I desire to receive You into my soul.*

*Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,*

*come at least spiritually into my heart.  
As though you have already come, I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen.*

or,

*Lord Jesus Christ, you are the bread of life and the one true vine. I believe that you are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. I seek you. I worship and adore you. Since I cannot receive you in the eucharistic bread and wine, I pray that you will come into my heart and soul, that I may be united to you, by your all-powerful and ever-present Holy Spirit. Let me receive you, and be nourished by you. Become for me the manna in my wilderness, the bread of angels for my very human journey through time, a foretaste of the heavenly banquet, and solace in the hour of my death. I pray all this, trusting that you yourself are our Life, our Peace, and our everlasting Joy. Amen.*

## **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022**

### **Entrance Antiphon**

**Cf. Ps 65: 1-2**

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

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### **Collect**

May your people exult for ever, O God,  
in renewed youthfulness of spirit,  
so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption,  
we may look forward in confident hope  
to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

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### **First reading**

**Acts 5:27-32,40-41**

#### **We are witnesses to all this: we and the Holy Spirit**

The high priest demanded an explanation of the Apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance

and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

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### **Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 29(30):2,4-6,11-13**

*I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.*

**or**

*Alleluia!*

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me  
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.

O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead,  
restored me to life from those who sink into the grave.

*I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.*

**or**

*Alleluia!*

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,  
give thanks to his holy name.

His anger lasts a moment; his favour all through life.

At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn.

*I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.*

**or**

*Alleluia!*

The Lord listened and had pity.

The Lord came to my help.

For me you have changed my mourning into dancing:

O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever.

*I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.*

**or**

*Alleluia!*

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### **Second reading**

**Apocalypse 5:11-14**

**The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given riches and power**

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation – everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in

the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

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### **Gospel Acclamation**

**cf.Lk24:32**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us.  
Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.  
Alleluia!

### **Or:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Christ has risen: he who created all things,  
and has granted his mercy to men.  
Alleluia!

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### **Gospel**

**John 21:1-19**

#### **Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish**

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord', Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?' He answered, 'Yes Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my

lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He replied, 'Yes, Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Look after my sheep.' Then he said to him a third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was upset that he asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and said, 'Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'

'I tell you most solemnly,  
when you were young  
you put on your own belt  
and walked where you liked;  
but when you grow old  
you will stretch out your hands,  
and somebody else will put a belt round you  
and take you where you would rather not go.'

In these words he indicated the kind of death by which Peter would give glory to God. After this he said, 'Follow me.'

## Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022

### Entrance Antiphon

**Cf. Ps 32: 5-6**

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;  
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

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### Collect

Almighty ever-living God,  
lead us to a share in the joys of heaven,  
so that the humble flock may reach  
where the brave Shepherd has gone before.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

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### First reading

**Acts 13:14,43-52**

#### **'We must turn to the pagans'**

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the Sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of

eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations,  
so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

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### **Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 99(100):1-3,5**

*We are his people, the sheep of his flock.*

**or**

*Alleluia!*

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come before him, singing for joy.

*We are his people, the sheep of his flock.*

**or**

*Alleluia!*

Know that he, the Lord, is God.

He made us, we belong to him,

we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

*We are his people, the sheep of his flock.*

**or**

*Alleluia!*

Indeed, how good is the Lord,

eternal his merciful love.

He is faithful from age to age.

*We are his people, the sheep of his flock.*

**or**

*Alleluia!*

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### **Second reading**

**Apocalypse 7:9,14-17**

**The Lamb will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of  
living water**

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

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### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Jn10:14**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

### **Gospel**

**John 10:27-30**

#### **I know my sheep and they follow me**

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;

I know them and they follow me.

I give them eternal life;

they will never be lost

and no one will ever steal them from me.

The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone,

and no one can steal from the Father.

The Father and I are one.'

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

### **Entrance Antiphon**

**Cf. Ps 97: 1-2**

O sing a new song to the Lord,

for he has worked wonders;

in the sight of the nations

he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

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### **Collect**

Almighty ever-living God,

constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us,

that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism

may, under your protective care, bear much fruit

and come to the joys of life eternal.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

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### **First reading**

**Acts 14:21-27**

#### **They gave an account to the church of all that God had done with them**

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

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### **Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 144(145):8-13a**

*I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.*

**or**

*Alleluia!*

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures.

*I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.*

**or**

*Alleluia!*

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
and declare your might, O God,  
to make known to men your mighty deeds  
and the glorious splendour of your reign.

*I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.*

**or**

*Alleluia!*

Yours is an everlasting kingdom;

your rule lasts from age to age.

*I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.*

**or**

*Alleluia!*

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## **Second reading**

**Apocalypse 21:1-5**

### **A vision of the heavenly Jerusalem, the bride of the Lamb**

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

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## **Gospel Acclamation**

**Jn13:34**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:  
love one another just as I have loved you,  
says the Lord.  
Alleluia!

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## **Gospel**

**John 13:31-33,34-35**

### **In the Son of Man, God has been glorified**

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified,  
and in him God has been glorified.  
If God has been glorified in him,  
God will in turn glorify him in himself,  
and will glorify him very soon.

'My little children,  
I shall not be with you much longer.  
I give you a new commandment:  
love one another;  
just as I have loved you,  
you also must love one another.

By this love you have for one another,  
everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022**

**Entrance Antiphon**

**Cf. Is 48: 20**

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;  
proclaim to the ends of the earth:  
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

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**Collect**

Grant, almighty God,  
that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy,  
which we keep in honour of the risen Lord,  
and that what we relive in remembrance  
we may always hold to in what we do.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

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**First reading**

**Acts 15:1-2,22-29**

**It has been decided by the Spirit and by ourselves not to burden  
you with any burden beyond these essentials**

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us; and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols; from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

## Responsorial Psalm

**Psalm 66(67):2-3,5-6,8**

*Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.*

**or**

*Alleluia!*

O God, be gracious and bless us  
and let your face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth  
and all nations learn your saving help.

*Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.*

**or**

*Alleluia!*

Let the nations be glad and exult  
for you rule the world with justice.  
With fairness you rule the peoples,  
you guide the nations on earth.

*Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.*

**or**

*Alleluia!*

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
May God still give us his blessing  
till the ends of the earth revere him.

*Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.*

**or**

*Alleluia!*

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## Second reading

**Apocalypse 21:10-14,22-23**

### **He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven**

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**Jn14:23**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him,  
and we shall come to him.'  
Alleluia!

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## **Gospel**

**John 14:23-29**

### **A peace the world cannot give is my gift to you**

Jesus said to his disciples:  
'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him,  
and we shall come to him and make our home with him.  
Those who do not love me do not keep my words.  
And my word is not my own:  
it is the word of the one who sent me.  
I have said these things to you while still with you;  
but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,  
whom the Father will send in my name,  
will teach you everything  
and remind you of all I have said to you.  
Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you,  
a peace the world cannot give,  
this is my gift to you.  
Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.  
You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return.  
If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father,  
for the Father is greater than I.  
I have told you this now before it happens,  
so that when it does happen you may believe.'

## **The Nicene ("Niceno-Constantinopolitan") Creed**

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God,  
Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

*At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', all bow.*

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **The General Intercessions**

We pray to Jesus who is present with us to eternity.  
Jesus, light of the world,  
bring the light and peace of your gospel to the nations ...  
Jesus, Lord of life,

**in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, bread of life,  
give food to the hungry ...  
and nourish us all with your word.

Jesus, Lord of life,

**in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, our way, our truth, our life,  
be with us and all who follow you in the way ...

Deepen our appreciation of your truth  
and fill us with your life.

Jesus, Lord of life,

**in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep,  
recover the straggler,  
bind up the injured,  
strengthen the sick  
and lead the healthy and strong to new pastures.

Jesus, Lord of life,

**in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, the resurrection and the life,  
we give you thanks for all who have lived and believed in you ...  
Raise us with them to eternal life.

Jesus, Lord of life,

**in your mercy, hear us,**

**accept our prayers, and be with us always.**

**Amen.**

The Regina Cæli  
*(used during Eastertime)*



Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven, alleluia!  
He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia!  
As he promised hath arisen, alleluia!  
Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia!  
For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!

Let us pray.

O God , who by the resurrection of thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, didst  
vouchsafe to give joy to the whole world, grant, we beseech thee, that through  
his Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through  
the same Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**