

St John the Baptist, Catford & Downham Team Ministry The Diocese of **Southwark**

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

7th Sunday of Easter

12th May 2024



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Today's hymns:

Processional- 514

 □ Gradual-220

Offertory-133

- God is gone up! Gerald Finzi

Recessional 473

✓ Voluntary- Toccata & Fugue in F major, BWV 540: J.S. Bach

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, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Ist reading: Ezekiel 36.24-28

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

The word of the LORD came to me:

²⁴ I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries.

and bring you into your own land.

25 I will sprinkle clean water upon

and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you.

²⁶ A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you;

and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

²⁷ I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances.

²⁸ Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Psalm I

Refrain: My delight is in the law of the Lord: and in his law will I exercise myself day and night.

BLESSED is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stood in the way of sinners: and hath not sat in the seat of the scornful.

²But his delight is in the law of the Lord: and in his law will he exercise himself day and night. R

³And he shall be like a tree planted by the water-side: that will bring forth his fruit in due season.

⁴His leaf also shall not wither: and look, whatsoever he doeth, it shall prosper.

⁵As for the ungodly, it is not so with them: but they are like the chaff, which the wind scattereth away from the face of the earth.

⁶Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stand in the judgement: neither the sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

⁷But the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: and the way of the ungodly shall perish.

2nd **reading:** Acts 1.15-17, .21-26

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

15 In those days Peter stood up among the believers

(together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people).

He said, 16 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested lesus -

17 for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.

²¹ So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,

²² beginning from the baptism of until the day when he was taken up from us one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.'

²³ So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias.

²⁴ Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen

25 to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.'

²⁶ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

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Gospel Reading: John 17.6-19

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed:

- ⁶ 'Father, 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.
- ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you;
- 8 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.
- 9 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.
- 10 All mine are yours, and yours are mine: and I have been glorified in them.
- 11 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.
- 12 While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled.
- 13 But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves.

- 14 I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.
- 15 I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one.
- ¹⁶ They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.
- ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.
- ¹⁸ As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.
- 19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.'

Prayers

For children taking their SATS exams.

For healing and protection for: Peggy Harmon, Kim & Monica, Bilki & family, Ruth Slater, Drew Spikes, Sandra & Evelyn Colville, Aileen Harding, Autherlin Silvera, Emma & Robert Skone-James, Annie Boyle-Renner, Ada Johnson, Pelu Thomas, the Erengwa family, Dean, Catherine Hall, Adenike Adekoa, Gloria Scott, Debbie Beadle, Kate, Glynn, David Murrell, Marcel, Rev'd Margaret, Julia Johnson, Joan Rochefort, Caitlin, Theresa, Sean, Glenn Stephen.

For those departed this life including Michael Kajang, and those with an anniversary of a death including Tilly Seaward.

Notices

St John's Summer Fete Saturday 15th June, 12-3pm

Children's Church 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays of the month.

St John's WhatsApp prayer group- speak to Anne-Marie or Shea to join.

Parish APCM 26th May, 2pm at St Luke's

Church Diary

7th Sunday of Easter (12th) 10.30am Sung Mass with Children's Church led by Debbie.

Prayer chapel open 8-5.30pm, Sunday- Friday.

Mon-Fri:

7.30am Morning Prayer Mon-Thur: 5pm Evening Prayer.

Tuesday 14th

Matthias the Apostle

8.30am Said Mass

Wednesday 15th 10am Said Mass followed by Bible study

Pentecost (19th) 10.30am Sung Mass with Children's Church led by Cynthia.

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