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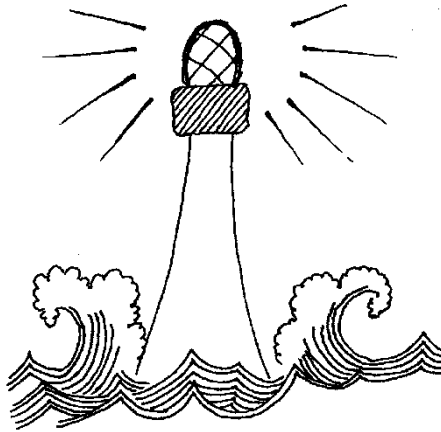
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**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**Year A**

**February 8<sup>th</sup> 2026**



**10.30 THE PARISH MASS**

**Opening Hymn 559 [5:22]**

O worship the King all glorious above,  
and gratefully sing his power and his love:  
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.

O tell of his might and sing of his grace,  
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;  
his chariots of wrath the deep thunder-clouds form,  
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth, with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, your power has founded of old;  
established it fast, by a changeless decree,  
and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

We children of dust are feeble and frail -  
in you do we trust, for you never fail;  
your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end!  
our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

O measureless Might, unchangeable Love,  
whom angels delight to worship above!  
Your ransomed creation, with glory ablaze,  
in true adoration shall sing to your praise!

*V:* In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

*R:* **Amen.**

*V:* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*R:* **And with your spirit.**

*The Celebrant introduces the celebration.*

*V:* Lord have mercy

*R:* **Lord have mercy**

*V:* Christ have mercy

*R:* **Christ have mercy**

*V:* Lord have mercy

*R:* **Lord have mercy**

*V:* May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.

*R:* **Amen.**

**The Gloria**

Glory! Glory! Glory to God! Glory! Glory! Glory to God!

**Glory! Glory! Glory to God! Glory! Glory! Glory to God!**

Glory to God in the heights of the heavens.  
Peace to God's people, all people on earth. **R.**

Son of the Father, all glory and worship;  
praise and thanksgiving to you, Lamb of God. **R.**

You take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us, receive our prayer. **R.**

Seated in pow'r at the right of the Father,  
Jesus alone is the Lord, the Most High. **R.**

And with the Spirit of love everlasting,  
reigning in glory for ever. Amen. **R.**

### **The Collect**

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care,  
that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace,  
they may be defended always by your protection.  
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.

**Amen**

### **First Reading** *(Reference: Reference: Isaiah 58:7-10)*

*Theme: 'Your light shall break forth like the dawn.'*

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:

Is not this the fast that I choose:

to loose the bonds of wickedness,

to undo the straps of the yoke,

to let the oppressed go free,

and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry

and bring the homeless poor into your house;

when you see the naked, to cover him,

and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?

Then shall your light break forth like the dawn,

and your healing shall spring up speedily;

your righteousness shall go before you;

the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard.

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;

you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.'

If you take away the yoke from your midst,

the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness,

if you pour yourself out for the hungry

and satisfy the desire of the afflicted,

then shall your light rise in the darkness

and your gloom be as the noonday.

V. The Word of the Lord.

R **Thanks be to God.**

### **Responsorial Psalm**

R. **A light rises in the darkness for the upright.**

A light rises in the darkness for the upright;

he is generous, merciful, and righteous.

It goes well for the man who deals generously and lends,

who conducts his affairs with justice. R

He will never be moved;

for ever shall the upright be remembered.

He has no fear of evil news;

with a firm heart, he trusts in the Lord. R

With a steadfast heart he will not fear.

Open-handed, he gives to the poor;

his justice stands firm for ever.

His might shall be exalted in glory. R

### **Second Reading** *(Reference: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5)*

*Theme: 'I proclaimed to you the mystery of Christ crucified.'*

A reading from the First Letter of S Paul to the Corinthians

I, when I came to you, brothers and sisters, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

V. The Word of the Lord

R **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation*

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

I am the light of the world, says the Lord,  
Whoever who follows me will have the light of life.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel** (Reference: Matthew 5:13-16)

*Theme: You are the light of the world.*

*V.* The Lord be with you

**R. And with your spirit.**

*V.* A reading ☩ from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

**R Glory to you, O Lord.**

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, ‘You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet. ‘You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.’

*V.* The Gospel of the Lord.

**R Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Please sit for the Address and then stand for the Creed and Prayer of the Faithful*

**The Prayer of the Faithful**

*V.* Lord, hear our prayer

**R and give us your light**

*Those in Need:*

Fr Keith, Charlie Banks, Valerie Clarke,  
Elle Deveson, Denise Edmunds, Emily Glass, Sue Korth,  
Maureen Lawrence, Minna Lucas, Jen and Jez McAteer, Terry Roberts, Chris Swetman, Julie Swetman,  
Dorothy Valder, Alex, Amy, Christine, John, Rachel, Ray, Rita, Timothy,

*The Recent Departed:*

John Norbury

*Year’s Mind:*

*V.* (8) Harry Moore, Herbert Sherwin-White, Elizabeth Smith, Ada Evans, Juliana Agyeman-Opoku

(9) Charles Box (Pr), Frederick Aylwin

(10) Rose Addison, Hengist Henry

(11) George Harman

(12) Winifred Cockerton, Mary Downing, Edward Biffin, Eileen Judd

(13) William Stevenson (Pr), Naiwin Heathcote, Annie Philcox, Aileen Broom, Alice Hobbs, Joseph McCluskey

(14) Thomas Madden, Myrtle Brown, George Richardson

## **The Baptism Rite**

Do you wish to be baptised?

**I do.**

Are you ready with your own mouth and from your own heart to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ?

**I do.**

The celebrant addresses the whole congregation

Faith is the gift of God to his people.

In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those  
whom he is calling.

People of God, will you welcome Tyler and uphold him in his life in Christ?

**With the help of God, we will.**

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.

To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

**I reject them.**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

**I renounce them.**

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

**I repent of them.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

**I turn to Christ.**

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

**I come to Christ.**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

**I submit to Christ.**

*The celebrant makes the sign of the cross*

Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of the cross.

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

**Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ  
against sin, the world and the devil,  
and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness,

restore in you the image of his glory,

and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

**Amen.**

### The Prayer over the Water

*V:* Praise God who made heaven and earth,  
**R:** **who keeps his promise for ever.**  
*V:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**R:** **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

We thank you, almighty God, for the gift of water to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us from the death of sin to newness of life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we baptize into his fellowship those who come to him in faith.

Now sanctify this water that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, they may be cleansed from sin and born again.

Renewed in your image, may they walk by the light of faith and continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

**R** **Amen**

### The Profession of Faith

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

*V:* Do you believe and trust in God the Father?  
**R:** **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*V:* Do you believe and trust in his Son, Jesus Christ?  
**R:** **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.**

*V:* Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?  
**R:** **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.**

### The Baptism and Anointing with Chrism

Tyler, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**R: Amen.**

*The newly baptized may be clothed with a white robe:-*

You have been clothed with Christ. As many as are baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has freed you from sin, given you a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and welcomed you into his holy people. He now anoints you with the chrism of salvation. As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet and King, so may you live always as members of his body, sharing everlasting life.

**R: Amen.**

### Giving of a Lighted Candle

*Priest:* God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light. You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

**R: Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.**

### **The Welcome and Peace**

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: Tyler, by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

**R: We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome You.**

### **Offertory Hymn** 536 [5:15]

O Jesus, I have promised  
To serve thee to the end;  
Be thou forever near me,  
My Master and my friend;  
I shall not fear the battle  
If thou art by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway  
If thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me!  
The world is ever near:  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
The tempting sounds I hear.  
My foes are ever near me,  
Around me and within;  
But, Jesus, draw thou nearer,  
And shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear thee speaking  
In accents clear and still,  
Above the storms of passion,  
The murmurs of self-will.  
O speak to reassure me,  
To hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
Thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised  
To all who follow thee  
That where thou art in glory  
There shall thy servant be.  
And, Jesus, I have promised  
To serve thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow,  
My Master and my friend.

O let me see thy foot-marks,  
And in them plant mine own;  
My hope to follow duly  
Is in thy strength alone:  
O guide me, call me, draw me,  
Uphold me to the end;  
And then in heaven receive me,  
My saviour and my friend.

*I.* Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours  
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**R** **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands  
for the praise and glory of his name, for our good  
and the good of all his holy Church.**

### **The Prayer over the Gifts**

*V* The Lord be with you  
**R. And with your spirit.**  
*V* Lift up your hearts  
**R We lift them up to the Lord**  
*V* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**R It is right and just.**

### *The Proper Preface*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might;  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessèd, Blessèd, Blessèd is he,  
Who comes in the name of the Lord:  
Glory and peace in the highest heavens,  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

### *The Eucharistic Prayer*

The mystery of faith.

**Jesus, Mary's son, word made flesh,  
Dying you destroyed our death.  
Rising again you restored our life.  
Jesus heavn'ly King come again in glory.**

### *The Eucharistic Prayer*

**Glory, honour might and pow'r  
Are yours Almighty Father;  
Heaven and earth unite in one voice  
to sing, sing, sing your praise. Amen**

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
Thy kingdom come;  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

*V* Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,  
graciously grant peace in our days,  
that, by the help of your mercy,  
we may be always free from sin  
and safe from all distress,  
as we await the blessed hope  
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**R For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

*V* Lord Jesus Christ,  
who said to your Apostles:  
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,  
look not on our sins,  
but on the faith of your Church,  
and graciously grant her peace and unity  
in accordance with your will.  
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

**R Amen.**

*V* The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**R And with your spirit.**  
*V* Let us offer each other the sign of peace.



### **The Agnus Dei**

Jesus, Lamb of God, bearer of our sin; Jesus, Saviour:

**Hear our prayer, hear our prayer;  
through this bread and wine we share  
may we be your sign of peace everywhere.**

Jesus, Lamb of God, bearer of our pain; Jesus healer: **R.**

Jesus, Lamb of God, broken as our bread, here among us: **R.**

*V*        ✠ Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**R        Lord, I am not worthy  
that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

*Please be guided to Communion by the Stewards*

*Silence will be kept after Communion*

### **The Post Communion Prayer**

**Post Communion Hymn** 326        [4:4]

Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it  
For by his power each tree and flower  
was planned and made  
Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it  
sun, moon and stars in heaven cry, 'Jesus Is Lord!'  
**Jesus is Lord!  
Jesus is Lord!  
Praise him with alleluias  
For Jesus is Lord!**

Jesus is Lord! Yet from his throne eternal  
In flesh he came to die in pain  
On Calvary's tree  
Jesus is Lord! From him all life proceeding  
Yet gave his life a ransom thus setting us free  
Jesus is Lord! O'er sin the mighty conqueror  
From death he rose, and all his foes  
shall own his name  
Jesus is Lord! God sent his Holy Spirit  
To show by works of power that Jesus is Lord!

*V:*        The Lord be with you  
**R:**        **And with your spirit.**

And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, ✠ and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, come down upon you and remain with you for ever

*V*        Go forth, the Mass is ended.  
**R:**        **Thanks be to God.**

**The Angelus**

*V* The Angel of the Lord brought the tidings to Mary  
*R* And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,  
blessèd art thou among women,  
and blessèd is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners, now  
and at the hour of our death. Amen.

*V* Behold the handmaid of the Lord.  
*R* Be it unto me according to thy Word.  
Hail Mary....

*V* And the word was made flesh.  
*R* And dwelt among us.  
Hail Mary....

*V* Pray for us, Holy Mother of God.  
*R* That we may be made worthy  
of the promises of Christ.

*- Collect.*

**School Theme for the Week**

**‘Honesty’**

**Mass this Week**

Mon	Feria	10.00
Tue	S Scholastica	12.30
Wed	OL of Lourdes	17.30
Thu	Feria	17.30
Fri	Feria (of the Cross)	11.00
Sat	SS Cyril & Methodius	11.00

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**Next Sunday**  
**6th in Ordinary Time**  
**PARISH MASS 10.30**

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### **UPDATE ON MINNA LUCAS**

Minna is still in hospital at the moment but is making a good recovery. She still only wants family visits and her daughter will keep us up to date on how she is doing.

### **ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION**

The Electoral Roll will be revised from 17th January to 28th February. After this time no amendments can be made until the APCM has been held. Please let Ange know of any amendments to your entry, i.e. change of address. If you would like to join the electoral roll please ask Ange for a form.

### **PCC**

In order to allow a little longer for the preparation of the accounts and to avoid the need for an additional meeting, the PCC scheduled for 14th February has now been postponed to Saturday, 28th February after the 11 am Mass.

### **PALM CROSSES**

There is a basket at the back of church for collection of last year's palms for ashing. These need to be returned by Sunday, 15th February.

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

These will commence on Saturday, 21st February with Stations at 10.30 am followed by Mass at 11 am. They will continue until Saturday, 28th March.

### **CHILDREN'S PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM**

This will take place from the 6th to 8th March. This is for children aged 7 to 11. Transport will be by minibus leaving on Friday morning from a convenient point in Chichester Diocese. Cost is £130 per child. There are some information sheets on the table at the back of church. Please let Father Trevor or Ange know if you would like your child to attend.

### **APCM**

The APCM will take place on Sunday, 22nd March after Mass.

### **Reports**

If you usually contribute a report for this meeting, please make sure this is with Ange by the 8th March.

### **Deanery Synod**

There are elections this year for the Deanery Synod. Due to the fact that the numbers on our Electoral Roll have fallen we are only allocated two representatives and not three this year.

### **Church Wardens**

The Church Wardens need to be elected each year.

### **PCC Members**

The members whose terms of office come to an end this year are:

Rita Charles  
Trevor Hollingdale  
Marilyn Powell

In addition to these places there is a vacancy for 1 year.

Nomination forms for all the above are available from Ange

### **WAGNER GROUP EASTER CELEBRATION MEAL**

This will be on Sunday, 24th May with Benediction at S Paul's at 6 pm followed by a meal at Donatello's (6.45 pm for 7 pm). The cost for a three course meal and service charge included will be £18.50. Beverages/bread/are extra. There is a poster and a sign up sheet on the table at the back of church. Bookings close on 12th April.