

THE PARISH OF THAMES

Welcomes you to

ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Sunday 2nd June, 2019

7th Sunday Of Easter

Call to Worship

Grace and peace to you from God

God fill you with Truth and Joy

The Lord be with you

The Lord bless you

This is the day which the Lord has made

Let us rejoice and be glad in it

Opening Hymn: Give Me Joy In My Heart

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
give me joy in my heart, I pray:
give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
keep me praising till the break of day.

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King!*

Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,
give me peace in my heart, I pray:
give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,
keep me loving till the break of day:

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
give me love in my heart, I pray;
give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
keep me serving till the break of day:

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Collect For Purity

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, so that we may truly love You and worthily praise Your Holy Name; through our Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen.

Prayer of Confession *(Please sit or kneel)*

Merciful God, we have sinned in what we have thought and said, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done. We have sinned in ignorance: we have sinned in weakness: we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to You. Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ's sake and renew our lives to the glory of Your name, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on us, pardon us and set us free. Know that we are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen us in all goodness and keep us in life eternal, Amen.

Sentence of the Day

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved.
Acts 16:31

Collect of the Day

**Holy God, You feed us
with earthly and spiritual food.
Deathless, unalterable, You have chosen us,
sinful as we are,
to hear Your word and to proclaim Your truth.
Alleluia! Make us salt of the earth;
make us yeast in the loaf.
Praise to You our God; You answer prayer.**

Amen.

Jesus Taken Up Into Heaven

1 In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach ²until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.³ After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. ⁴On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

⁶Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

⁷He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

⁹After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

¹⁰They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹"Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God

Psalm: 97

The LORD reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice.

Clouds and thick darkness surround Him righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne.

Fire goes before Him and consumes His foes on every side.

His lightning lights up the world; the earth sees and trembles.

The mountains melt like wax before the Lord, before the Lord of all the earth.

The heavens proclaim His righteousness, and all peoples see his glory.

All who worship images are put to shame, those who boast in idols - worship Him, all you gods!

Zion hears and rejoices and the villages of Judah are glad because of Your judgments, LORD.

For You, Lord are the Most High over all the earth; You are exalted far above all gods.

Let those who love the Lord hate evil, for He guards the lives of His faithful ones and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

Light shines on the righteous and joy on the upright in heart.

Rejoice in the Lord, you who are righteous and praise His holy name.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

May Lord

Thanksgiving and Prayer

¹⁵ For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, ¹⁶ I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰ he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. ²² And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

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The Gradual Hymn: Rejoice The Lord Is King

Refrain:

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

Rejoice! the Lord is King,
Your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore:

Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when He had purged our stains,
He took His seat above:

His kingdom cannot fail;
He rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given:

He sits at God's right hand
till all His foes submit,
and bow to His command,
and fall beneath His feet:

G.F. Handel; Charles Wesley A&M 139

3rd Reading: Luke 24:44-53

Beth Philip

The Ascension of Jesus

⁴⁴ He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.

⁴⁶ He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

⁵⁰ When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. ⁵² Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. ⁵³ And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

This is the gospel of Christ

Praise to Christ, the Word

Sermon:

The Venerable Reverend Michael Berry

Intercessions:

Margaret MacKay

Offertory Hymn: Come Before The Table

Refrain:

*Come before the table of the Lord of hosts,
with all your lives in your hands. (repeat)*

Come now, with hope and with gladness,
friends of the risen Christ,
all signed with His name.
We've heard His word,
and we know that it's joyful news;
now let us all draw near to share in His food.

Come, then, and sing Him your love songs,
life without loving is a land without rain.
God sent His Son so His children
might love with joy;
God poured out His blood
so love might spring from the earth.

Come, then, and learn how to praise Him,
hear what our Father did that we might love:
He sent His only Son to teach us
to come to Him,
it is right for us to join in His praise.

Tom Parker

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Communion

(prayer is available near the High altar during communion)

Closing Hymn: Come On And Celebrate

Come on and celebrate His gift of love,
we will celebrate the Son of God,
who loved us and gave us life.
We'll shout Your praise , O King,
You give us joy nothing else can bring;
we'll give to You our offering
in celebration praise.

*Come on and celebrate, celebrate,
celebrate and sing
celebrate and sing to the King! (x2)*

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Sending Forth: Go now to love and serve the Lord; go now in peace.

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.



Ministry Team

Liturgist: Pip Harry **Server:** Leslie Wilkinson
Intercessor/Prayers: Margaret MacKay **Organist:** Lynne Mounsey
Presider & Preacher: The Venerable Reverend Michael Berry
Welcome Team: Denise Norris, Doug Norris
Morning Tea: Kate Jones, Denise Norris

Parish Community News

*** Pentecost Celebration - June 9th.** Lunch in the hall after the service.

Please join us for this lovely celebration **BUT PLEASE** add your name to clip the board at the back of church, if attending.

The last session for the Holy Spirit Bible Study will be this Wednesday. It has been WELL received and much enjoyed.

A workshop led by Peter Philip will follow, commencing on 19th June, 10:30-12:00 titled "Failure Is Good For You." We encourage you to attend.

Prayer Needs

"Therefore since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire." Hebrews 12:28, 29.

Pray especially this week for Judy & Kelvin Jones and their family,
for Rangī Finnerty, Mary Crawford and Diana Brokenshire.

This week 2nd-9th June, 2019

Wed: Selwyn Group, 9:30-12:00

Thurs: Service at 10am Holy Communion (1662), St George's Chapel

Sunday 9th June, 9:30

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21	George Haffenden
Psalm: 104:24-35	
2nd Reading: Rom 8:14-17	Stephen Williams
3rd Reading: John 14:8-17	Diana Maher
Presider:	The Rev'd David Cooper
Preacher:	The Very Reverend Bishop Bruce Gilbert
Liturgist:	Allan Judd
Server:	Margaret MacKay
Music Ministry/organist:	Stuart du Preez
Intercessions:	Beth Philip
Sanctuary Guild/Flowers:	Denise Norris, Leslie Wilkinson
Morning Tea:	Ien Chu, Lyn Wilson
Welcome Team:	Kate Jones, Christina Philip, Leslie Wilkinson

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Wise Men STILL Seek HIM