

WINTERTON GROUP OF CHURCHES

Vicar: The Revd. Alice Nunn

Weekend of Sunday 22th May 2022

Parish Eucharist

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Altar and Vestment colours are White

The Living One.

We worship Christ who was dead and is now alive for ever and ever. He is present in our midst, bringing healing and peace.

Holy Communion

The Eucharist is not just a weekly way of celebrating our faith, but should radically affect our relationship with others, especially those most in need.

The Eucharist affects the life of our Christian communities, it is where the Church receives her identity and mission. It is not simply a memorial of what Jesus did for us. Rather, it is something that Christ does for us, filling us with his grace and nourishing us with His own life.

Just as Christ loved to be with others, and gave Himself to all on the Cross, so we are called to give ourselves generously to our brothers and sisters, sharing in their joys and sorrows. The Eucharist gives us the grace to feel forgiven and to be ready to forgive others.

In the Eucharist we experience the forgiveness of God, and our hearts are enlarged to receive and show mercy.
We can talk to God before the Eucharist and talk to our friends after the Eucharist.

Let us pray: God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

16: 9-15

The Lord opened her heart

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

A reading from the Book of Revelation

21: 10, 22-22

The Lord God will be their light

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming

down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day – and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever. This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

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!**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ ✠ according to John
Glory to you, O Lord. 14: 23-29

The Holy Spirit will remind you of all I have said
Jesus said to his disciples: 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. I have said these things to you while I am 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 that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Then follows the sermon, Creed, our prayers, the Peace and The Consecration

Holy Communion is the most sacred part of the Eucharist. Baptised persons who are communicant members of other churches are very welcome to receive the Holy Sacrament at our Altar. If you would prefer to receive a blessing please bring your service book with you and after you have been blessed please return to your place.

Let us pray: God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Blessing

