

# ST HILDA'S ASHFORD



## THE EUCHARIST

### EASTER 5

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# THE GATHERING

## Introit Hymn

All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluya, Alleluya!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam:  
*O praise him! O praise him!*  
*Alleluya! Alleluya! Alleluya!*

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,  
O praise him, Alleluya!  
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
Ye lights of evening, find a voice:

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
Make music for thy Lord to hear,  
Alleluya, Alleluya!  
Thou fire so masterful and bright,  
That givest man both warmth and light:

Dear mother earth, who day by day  
Unfoldest blessings on our way,  
O praise him, Alleluya!  
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,  
Let them His glory also show:

Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship him in humbleness,  
O praise him, Alleluya!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, three in One:

***O praise him! O praise him!  
Alleluya! Alleluya! Alleluya!***

*[St. Francis of Assisi  
tr. William Draper]*

## **The Greeting**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**All Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you

**All and also with you.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

## **Prayer of Preparation**

**All 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,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## **Prayers of Penitence**

Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us.  
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil  
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

**All Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us, forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

**All Glory to God in the highest;  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**You alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

## **The Collect**

Risen Christ,  
your wounds declare your love for the world  
and the wonder of your risen life:  
give us compassion and courage  
to risk ourselves for those we serve,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**All Amen.**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **First Reading –Acts 11: 1 - 18**

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ But a second time the voice answered

from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

*At the end the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## **Second Reading – Revelation 21: 1 - 6**

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.  
He will dwell with them;  
they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them;  
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.  
Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

*At the end the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Reading – John 13 v 31 - 35**

Alleluia, Alleluia.

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;  
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

**All Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so

now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

## **The Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again 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.**

**We 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 worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of**

the world to come. Amen.

## Prayers of Intercession

*...at the end*

Merciful Father,

**All accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

Bring us all to your heavenly city,  
to the joyful gathering of thousands of angels,  
to the assembly of your firstborn,  
to the spirits of the saints made perfect,  
to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant  
and to the sprinkled blood that promises peace.

**All Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

### **The Peace** — *All stand*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples  
and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**All and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## Offertory Hymn

**At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow,  
Every tongue confess him King of glory now;  
'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,**

**Who from the beginning was the mighty Word.**

**At his voice creation sprang at once to sight,  
All the angel faces, all the hosts of light,  
Thrones and dominations, stars upon their way,  
All the heavenly orders, in their great array.**

**Humbled for a season, to receive a name  
From the lips of sinners unto whom he came,  
Faithfully he bore it, spotless to the last,  
Brought it back victorious when from death he passed.**

**Bore it up triumphant with its human light,  
Through all ranks of creatures, to the central height,  
To the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast;  
Filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.**

**In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue  
All that is not holy, all that is not true;  
He is God the Saviour, he is Christ the Lord,  
Ever to be worshipped, trusted and adored.**

**Brothers, this Lord Jesus shall return again,  
With the Father's glory, with his angel train;  
For all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,  
And our hearts confess him King of glory now.**

*[Caroline Noel]*

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,  
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;  
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All All things come from you,  
and of your own do we give you.**

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you

**All And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
almighty and eternal Father,  
and in these days of Easter  
to celebrate with joyful hearts  
the memory of your wonderful works.  
For by the mystery of his passion  
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,  
has conquered the powers of death and hell  
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.  
He has placed them once more in paradise  
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.  
And so, in the joy of this Passover,  
earth and heaven resound with gladness,  
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation  
singing for ever the hymn of your glory:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;

and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
*Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.*

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
*Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of  
sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.*

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

Let us proclaim the miracle of faith:

**All Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Philip, James and  
all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever.

**All Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, let us pray  
with confidence as our Saviour taught us:

**All 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.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

**All God here among us,  
light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life.**

## **Agnus Dei**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.**

## **Giving of Communion**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*The people and president receive communion.*

## **Communion Hymns**

***A new commandment I give unto you:  
That you love one another as I have loved you,  
That you love one another as I have loved you.***

**By this shall all know that you are my disciples  
If you have love one for another. *(Repeat)***

***Refrain***

**You are my friends if you do what I command you.  
Without my help you can do nothing. *(Repeat)***

***Refrain***

**I am the true vine, my Father is the gard'ner.  
Abide in me: I will be with you. *(Repeat)***

***Refrain***

**True love is patient, not arrogant nor boastful;  
Love bears all things, love is eternal. (Repeat)**

***Refrain***

*[v 1 Anon, vv2-4 Aniceto Nazareth*

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**Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort and restore me.**

**Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all who love me,  
Christ in heart of friend and stranger.**

*[from St. Patrick's Breastplate tr. Mrs. C. F. Alexander]*

**Bread of heaven, on thee we feed,  
For thy flesh is meat indeed:  
Ever may our souls be fed  
With this true and living bread,  
Day by day with strength supplied  
Through the life of him who died.**

**Vine of heaven, thy blood supplies  
This blest cup of sacrifice;  
'Tis thy wounds our healing give;  
To thy cross we look and live.  
Thou our life! O let us be  
Rooted, grafted, built on thee.**

*[Josiah Conder]*

## **Prayer after Communion**

Eternal God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:  
grant us to walk in his way,  
to rejoice in his truth,  
and to share his risen life;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.  
**Amen**

**All Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

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## **THE DISMISSAL**

### **Blessing**

Eternal God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ, is the way, the truth, and the life:  
grant us to walk in his way,  
to rejoice in his truth,  
and to share his risen life;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

**All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

*The minister departs.*

## **Recessional Hymn**

**Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
And in the depth be praise;  
In all his words most wonderful,  
Most sure in all His ways.**

**O loving wisdom of our God!  
When all was sin and shame,  
A second Adam to the fight  
And to the rescue came.**

**O wisest love! that flesh and blood,  
Which did in Adam fail,  
Should strive afresh against the foe,  
Should strive and should prevail;**

**And that a higher gift than grace  
Should flesh and blood refine,  
God's presence and his very self,  
And essence all divine.**

**O generous love! that he, who smote  
In Man for man the foe,  
The double agony in Man  
For man should undergo;**

**And in the garden secretly,  
And on the cross on high,  
Should teach his brethren, and inspire  
To suffer and to die.**

**Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
And in the depth be praise;  
In all his words most wonderful,  
Most sure in all his ways.**

*[John Henry Newman]*

**SERVICE TIMES**  
**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 11am**  
**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 9.30am**

The Sunday service is livestreamed and can be viewed later our Facebook page

**Please remember in your prayers this week:**

**THE SICK:**

James Bedford	Jane Johnson	Rev. Peter Taylor
Grace Cassar	Paul Joyce	Barbara Warne
Lizio Cassar	Pat Kyle	Sheila West
Robb Clarke	Chris Maddock	Philip Willerton
Ann Considine	Mrs McCammon	Chick Wilson
Michael Dixon	Libby Mills	Peter Wilson
Anna Elwell	Pauline Milton	Jo Wood
Jack Everett	Raymond Nation	Erin
Peter Garner	Pat Parish	Izzy
Eileen Gilbert	Elizabeth Savill-Burgess	Nic
Juilet Griffith	Delphine Scrivener	Baby Reuben
Alison Griffiths	Riley Shaw	Bob
Vicky Hall	Emily Smith	Margaret
Jean Iddiols	Elsie Stone	
Melvyn Jansen	Roy Stone	

**THE RECENTLY DEPARTED**

Peggy Pinfold	Pauline Lewis	Joan Harden
Robert Martin	George Nicholas	

**THOSE IN OUR MEMORIAL BOOK THIS WEEK**

Vera Beatrice Rouse	Nellie Frances Chalmers	Robert Peter Fisher
Fred Wootton	Ronald Carr	Dorothy Violet Smith
William Lund	Bertram George King	Gilbert Thorley
Andrina Brown		

Please pray for our ALMA twin parish, Holy Cross Murrupula

## NOTICES

The Parish Office is available by phone weekdays 9am – 5pm  
Visitors by appointment only

### **Church Opening**

St Hilda's is open for public worship services. Masks are optional.

*Following the teaching of 'Loving thy Neighbour' - If you feel unwell, we ask that you do not attend so that we can maintain the health and safety of all who attend the services.*

### **Pauline Lewis**

Pauline Lewis' funeral is on Monday 16th May at 12 noon at Hanworth Crematorium and afterwards at Kings Fairway. Details can be found on web page [paulinelewis.com](http://paulinelewis.com)

### **Beating the Bounds – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – 2.30pm**

Join us on Rogation Sunday and take part in the traditional 'Beating of the Bounds' where we will be walking and marking St Hilda's parish boundary.

Meet at St Hilda's at 2.15pm for a 2.30pm start. We will finish with a fish & chip supper at St Hilda's at approximately 5.30pm. There is a sign-up list at the rear of the Church to let us know if you will be joining us, there will be a cost of £10 per person for the supper, dessert and drinks. You can join or leave us at any point along the walk or even just come for the supper afterwards.

### **Feed my Sheep – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2.30pm – 4pm**

The theme is Popes.

### **Annual Parochial Church Meeting – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May 11.30am**

This will be held after the service. Election application forms for the PCC and Church Warden can be found on the blue board or obtained from the parish office.

### **Ambling through Acts course – Next meeting Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June (7:30pm on the first Thursday of each month)**

Led by Fr Steve, a study of the Acts of the Apostles will entail a close reading of the text. We will see the unfolding story of the beginnings of the church through the eyes of the writer, try to discern his purposes, discover new things,

and learn that though the context has changed, human nature remains much the same. Hence, the struggles of those first followers may find resonances in our own day as we live out our individual lives of discipleship and participate together in the life of the church.

Everyone is very welcome to attend. There will be refreshments at the end. We will finish by saying Compline (Night Prayer) together round about 9pm. I hope to see you there. Please bring a bible – ideally the NRSV, but any version will do.

### **Queen's Platinum Jubilee Party – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June – 3pm**

There is a sign-up list at the rear of the Church to join us for the party to celebrate the Queen's historic jubilee. It will be held on the grounds between the Church and Church Hall (or within the hall if there is poor weather).

### **Eco Church Volunteers Needed**

The Church of England is seeking to reach "net zero" carbon by 2030 to meet a target set by the General Synod in 2020 and we at St Hilda's are looking closely at how we can help in moving towards this. We are planning to set up a small group to investigate how we can improve our eco credentials and encourage us all on the journey. If you would like to be involved please speak to Carolyn.

**We need YOU!**

### **Community Lunch – every Wednesday**

Join us for the Community Lunch at midday. If you are able to come forward and help, even once a month, please do liaise with Bobbie.

### **Bible Study – every Wednesday**

Bible Study group meet in Church at 7.30pm. All welcome.

### **Food Bank Donations**

Please use the wooden chest at the rear of the Church to place any donations for the local food bank, such as tinned and dried goods and toiletries.

### **Paving Slabs needed**

If anyone has any spare slabs that could be used in the Memorial Garden, please see Paula Gething.

### **Pilgrimage to Westminster Abbey – Date TBC**

A parish pilgrimage is being arranged to Westminster Abbey, please sign up on the sheet at the rear of the Church or contact the office. A date will be arranged if we have enough interest.

### **St Hilda's News**

We are still looking for a new editor(s) to take over.

### **Sponsor a church chair**

If you can help towards the cost of the last chairs or trolleys (that have now arrived), please complete the form at the rear of the Church.

- £90 covers the cost of a chair
- £225 covers the cost of a stacking trolley

## **Job Opportunities at Bishop Wand School**

Please see the school website for further details.



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**The Bishop Wand C of E School in Sunbury on Thames is looking to recruit to various non-teaching positions as soon as possible.**

We currently have vacancies for:

- Exam Invigilators (flexible role £9.50/hour)
- Learning Support Assistants (full-time, term-time only)
- Site Officer/Caretaker (full-time)
- Science Technician (full time, term-time only)

If you are interested in joining our School community and would like detailed information on any of the above roles, please visit the 'Working for Us' area of the School website [www.bishopwand.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.bishopwand.surrey.sch.uk)

Training will be given to suitable candidates with no previous experience.

The deadline for applications to be submitted for all positions is 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022, 10am. We reserve the right to interview on receipt of application.

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