

Easter 5 Sunday May 15

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.

Psalm 148

1 Alleluia. Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights.

**2 Praise him, all you his angels;
praise him, all his host.**

3 Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you stars of light.

**4 Praise him, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.**

5 Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for he commanded and they were created.

**6 He made them fast for ever and ever;
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**

7 Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps;

**8 Fire and hail, snow and mist,
tempestuous wind, fulfilling his word;**

9 Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;

**10 Wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and birds on the wing;**

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;

**12 Young men and women, old and young together;
let them praise the name of the Lord.**

13 For his name only is exalted,
his splendour above earth and heaven.

**14 He has raised up the horn of his people and praise for all his faithful
servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Alleluia.**

Reading: John 13:31-35

³¹ When Judas had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ 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." ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

Easter 6 Sunday May 22

Collect

Risen Christ,
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father.

Psalm 67

1 God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,

**2 That your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.**

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

**4 O let the nations rejoice and be glad,
for you will judge the peoples righteously
and govern the nations upon earth.**

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

**6 Then shall the earth bring forth her increase,
and God, our own God, will bless us.**

7 God will bless us,
and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

Reading: John 14:23-29

23 Jesus said, '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. 24 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.

25 'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. 26 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. 27 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. 28 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. 29 And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

Easter 7 Sunday May 29

Collect

Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

Psalm 97

1 The Lord is king: let the earth rejoice;
let the multitude of the isles be glad.

**2 Clouds and darkness are round about him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.**

3 Fire goes before him
and burns up his enemies on every side.

**4 His lightnings lit up the world;
the earth saw it and trembled.**

5 The mountains melted like wax at the presence of the Lord,

at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

**6 The heavens declared his righteousness,
and all the peoples have seen his glory.**

7 Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in mere idols.
Bow down before him, all you gods.

**8 Zion heard and was glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoiced,
because of your judgements, O Lord.**

9 For you, Lord, are most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.

**10 The Lord loves those who hate evil;
he preserves the lives of his faithful
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.**

11 Light has sprung up for the righteous
and joy for the true of heart.

**12 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name.**

Reading: John 17:20-26

²⁰ Jesus looked toward heaven and prayed: 'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us,^[a] so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵ 'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'