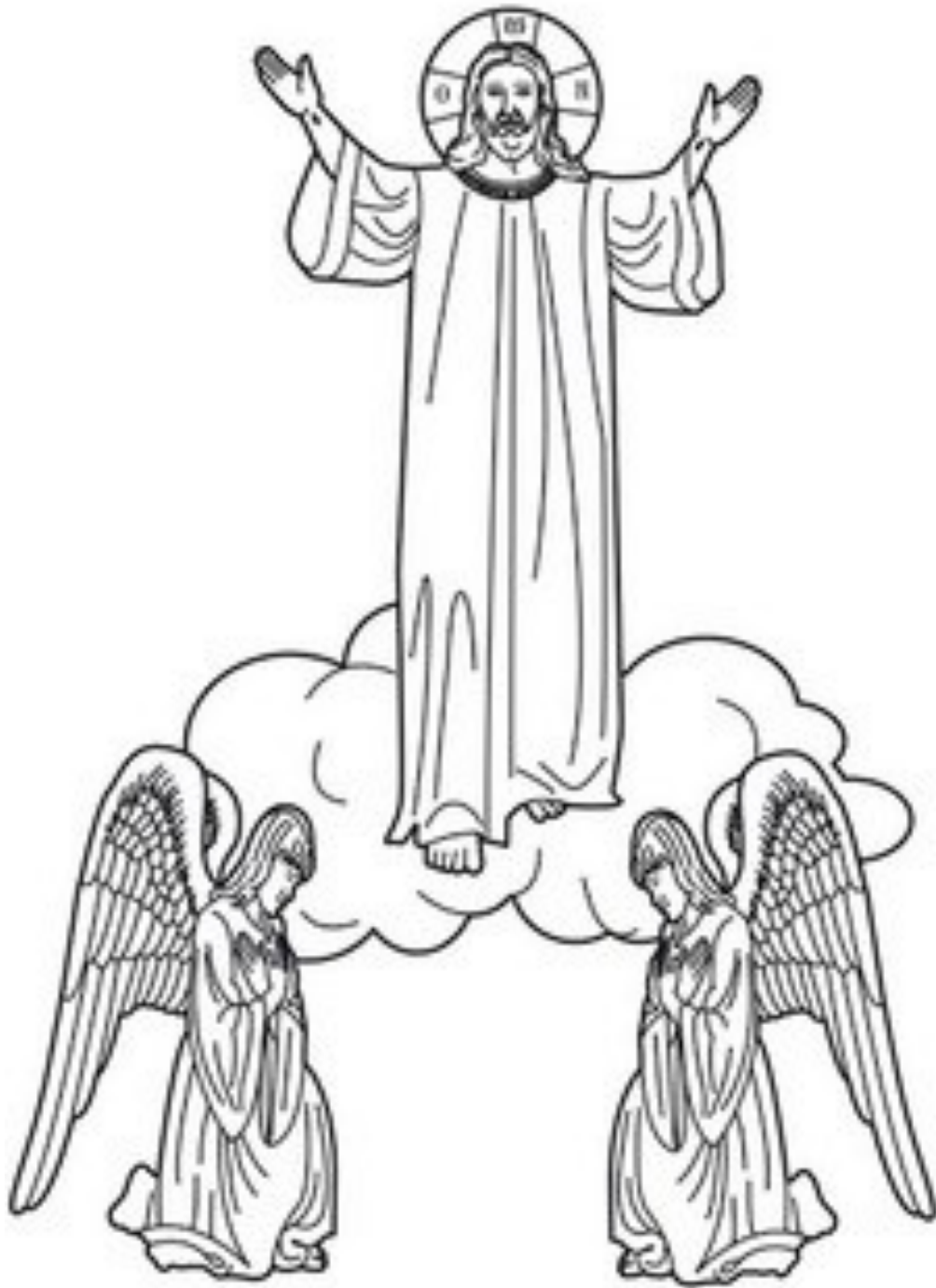




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# ST GILES'

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The Seventh Sunday of Easter  
12<sup>th</sup> May 2024, 10.15 a.m.

We welcome you to this celebration of Parish Mass  
for The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Today's setting for mass is A Kilcreggan Mass - Peter Nardone (b. 1965)

People of all denominations who are in good standing with their own church  
are welcome to come and receive communion. If you wish to receive a  
blessing, please come to the altar carrying this order of service.

Please let clergy or a churchwarden know at the beginning of the service if  
you need a gluten-free host.

5 minutes before the service begins, a bell will ring to signal that a period of quiet  
reflection is kept during which you may wish to use this prayer.

**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**

Before the liturgy begins notices are given, and then a bell is rung to begin our worship.

## Parish Giving

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# The Gathering

## Introit Hymn (130)

***Hail the day that sees Him rise, Alleluia!  
glorious to His native skies; Alleluia!  
Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluia!  
enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!***

***There the glorious triumph waits; Alleluia!  
lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluia!  
Christ hath vanquished death and sin; Alleluia!  
take the King of glory in! Alleluia!***

***Lord, though parted from our sight, Alleluia!  
far above yon azure height, Alleluia!  
grant our hearts may thither rise, Alleluia!  
seeking Thee beyond the skies. Alleluia!***

***There we shall with Thee remain, Alleluia!  
partners of Thine endless reign, Alleluia!  
there Thy face unclouded see, Alleluia!  
find our heaven of heavens in Thee, Alleluia!***



Charles Wesley (1707-1788) & Thomas Cotterill (1779-1823)

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

**Amen.**

# The Greeting

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

## Invitation to confession

What God has prepared for those who love him,  
he has revealed to us through the Spirit;  
for the Spirit searches everything.

Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord,  
who has prepared good things for those who love him.

cf 1 Corinthians 2.9

## Prayer of Penitence

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart:  
Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided:  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*The president says*

Almighty God,  
who in Jesus Christ has given us  
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,  
✠forgive you your sins,  
open your eyes to God's truth,  
strengthen you to do Gods will  
and give you the joy of his kingdom,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Gloria in Excelsis (Lourdes)

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.**

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.**

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.

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.**

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sins of the world:

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.**

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.**

For 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.

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.**

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.**

# The Collect for the Seventh Sunday of Easter

*Silence is kept.*

O God the King of glory,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ  
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:  
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,  
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us  
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading                      Acts 1.15-17, 21-26

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus - for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.

'So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us - one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Alleluia

Gospel Reading

John 17.6-19



The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: 'Father, I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours.

'All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

# The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**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

With confidence and trust let us pray to the Father.

*After each prayer:*            Lord, in your mercy  
   **hear our prayer.**

Today we pray for Evan Alexander Ayre and his family on the occasion of his celebration of the sacrament of baptism.

*We pray for those for whom prayers have been requested:*

Nicola; Angela; Pam; Paula; Catriona; Lynn; Beryl; Marion; Richard; Brenda; Victoria; Joe & Mark; Rose & Colin; Janis Gallagher; Mary Sambrooks; Linda Sambrooks; Cath Godridge; Rhys Williams; Angela Hyomes; David Murray; Andrew Leach; Janet Hickling; Jenny Attwood (Priest); Margaret Kidger; Christine Campbell; Margaret Tonks; Jo Straw; Sandra Marsh; Michael Phipps; Barry Sowerby.

*We pray for those who have recently died:*

Catherine McArdle; Peter Birdsall.

*Those whose year's mind falls at this time*

Harold Guest

*At the end:*                    Merciful Father  
   **accept these prayers  
   for the sake of your Son,  
   our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
   Amen.**

# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

*St Giles' 3.16 share what they have been learning.*

## The Peace

God has made us one in Christ.

He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,  
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

Alleluia.

cf Ephesians 1.13,14

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*



## Preparation of the Altar

### Offertory Hymn (336)

**Angel voices, ever singing,  
round Thy throne of light,  
angel-harps, for ever ringing,  
rest not day nor night;  
thousands only live to bless Thee,  
and confess Thee  
Lord of might.**

**Thou who art beyond the farthest  
mortal eye can scan,  
can it be that Thou regardest  
songs of sinful man?  
Can we know that Thou art near us  
and wilt hear us?  
yea, we can.**

**Yea, we know that Thou rejoicest  
o'er each work of Thine;  
Thou didst ears and hands and voices  
for Thy praise design;  
craftsman's art and music's measure  
for Thy pleasure  
all combine.**

**In Thy house, great God, we offer  
of Thine own to Thee;  
and for Thine acceptance proffer,  
all unworthily,  
hearts and minds and hands and voices,  
in our choicest  
psalmody.**

**Honour, glory, might and merit,  
Thine shall ever be,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Blessed Trinity!  
Of the best which Thou hast given  
earth and heaven  
render Thee.**

Francis Pott (1832-1909)

## Taking of the Bread and Wine

Lord of all and source of our joy,  
receive our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.  
Keep us in the love of Christ  
and bring us to the vision of his glory;  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

# The Eucharistic Prayer

*Please sit or kneel.*

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For he is our great high priest  
who has entered once for all  
into the heavenly sanctuary,  
evermore to pour upon your Church  
the grace and comfort of your Holy Spirit.

He is the one who has gone before us,  
who calls us to be united in prayer  
as were his disciples in the upper room  
while they awaited his promised gift,  
the life-giving Spirit of Pentecost.

Therefore all creation yearns with eager longing  
as angels and archangels sing the endless hymn of praise:

## Sanctus & Benedictus

*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.*

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

***Christ has died:***

***Christ is risen:***

***Christ will come again.***

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of Mary, Giles, Michael, Stephen and all your saints  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!  
By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope  
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1.3

So we have confidence to pray to the Father as our Lord taught us.

**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.

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

## Agnus Dei

Jesus, Lamb of God,  
have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
give us your peace.

## Giving of Communion

*The president says the invitation to communion.*

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

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

*The president and people receive communion.*

## Organ Voluntary

### Hymn (134)

**The head that once was crowned with thorns  
is crowned with glory now;  
a royal diadem adorns  
the Mighty Victor's brow.**

**The highest place that heaven affords  
is His, is His by right:  
the King of kings, and Lord of lords,  
and heaven's eternal light.**

**The joy of all who dwell above,  
the joy of all below,  
to whom He manifests His love  
and grants His name to know:**

**To them the cross, with all its shame,  
with all its grace, is given;  
their name an everlasting name,  
their joy the joy of heaven.**

**They suffer with their Lord below;  
they reign with Him above;  
their profit and their joy to know  
the mystery of His love.**

**The cross He bore is life and health,  
though shame and death to Him;  
His people's hope, His people's wealth,  
their everlasting theme.**

Thomas Kelly (1769-1855)

## Choir Anthem

*Lift up your heads, o ye gates - William Mathias (1934-1992)*

## Prayer after Communion

*Silence is kept.*

Eternal God, giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:  
confirm us in this mission,  
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**Merciful God,  
you have called us to your table  
and fed us with the bread of life.  
Draw us and all people to serve your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

## The Blessing and Dismissal

*We stand for the Blessing*

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
through the power of the Holy Spirit;  
and the blessing ...

Jan Struther  
(1901 - 53)



# Hymn

**Christ triumphant ever reigning,  
Saviour, Master, King!  
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,  
hear us as we sing:**

**Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown, the eternal name.**

**Word incarnate, truth revealing,  
Son of Man on earth!  
power and majesty concealing  
by Your humble birth:**

**Yours the glory...**

**Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,  
victim crucified!  
death is through the cross defeated,  
sinners justified:**

**Yours the glory...**

**Priestly King, enthroned for ever  
high in heaven above!  
sin and death and hell shall never  
stifle hymns of love:**

**Yours the glory...**

**So, our hearts and voices raising  
through the ages long,  
ceaselessly upon You gazing,  
this shall be our song:**

**Yours the glory...**

Michael Seward (1932-) © Michael Seward/Jubilate Hymns

With the power that raised Jesus from the dead at work within you,  
go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

**In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, alleluia.**

*The altar party departs.*

Organ Voluntary



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