**Acclamation**

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**He has given us new life and hope,**

**He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

God has claimed us as his own.

**He has brought us out of darkness.**

**He has made us light to the world.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**Blessing**

Christ our ascended King pour upon you the abundance of his gifts, and bring you to reign with him in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen**.

***Departure***

Go in peace to tell and show the world the love and mercy of God. **Amen**

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***St Mary’s Ticehurst &***

***St Augustine’s Flimwell***

**Morning Worship**

**for Ascensiontide**

**(livestreamed in St Mary’s**

**with congregation)**

***Greeting***

Christ is risen

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

Christ has ascended on high.

***All*:He reigns for ever. Alleluia!**

Lift up your hearts.

***All*:We lift them to the Lord. Alleluia!**

***Welcome and Introduction***

***Hymn sung by the Choir***

***Opening Prayer***

Almighty God,

your Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence. We praise you for all that makes the unseen heaven a reality to us while we live on earth: for word and sacrament, for faithful Christians past and present, for fellowship in the Church, and for times of deep awareness that Jesus is with us always.

***All***: **One God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:**

**all honour, glory and power are yours. Amen.**

# **Prayers of Penitence**

Christ calls us to share the heavenly banquet of his love with all creation. Knowing our unworthiness and wrongdoing, let us ask from him both mercy and forgiveness.

***All*: Lord Jesus Christ,**

**crucified, risen and ascended for us, we have not loved you as our Redeemer, nor obeyed you as our Lord; we have not brought our prayers to you,**

**nor heeded your tears shed over the world. Forgive us, we pray; breathe into us a new spirit, and make us joyfully obedient to your will: for your glory’s sake. Amen.**

May God forgive you your sins, and bring you to the companionship of his table with his saints for ever. **Amen**.

***Psalm***

***First Reading***

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

***Songs – Vicar and Choir***

***Second Reading***

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

***Sermon***

***Affirming our Faith***

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**All:**    **Though he was divine, he did not cling to equality with God, but made himself nothing. Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness. He humbled himself and was obedient to death,**

**even the death of the cross.**

**Therefore God has raised him on high, and given him the name above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,**

**and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

***Notices***

***and Banns of Marriage***

***Prayers of Intercession***

*Each prayer will end with this or a similar response:*

Leader: Lord in your mercy:

**All:****Hear our prayer.**

*To close the intercessions:*

Merciful Father,

**All: accept these prayers**

**for the sake of your Son,**

**our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**The Collect**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has 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.**

**The Peace**

Jesus says: ‘Peace I leave with you: my peace I give to you. If you love me, rejoice because I am going to the Father.’ Alleluia!

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All: And also with you.**

**Offertory**

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

May your will on earth be done. **Amen.**

**Hymn sung by the Choir**

***St Mary’s Ticehurst & St Augustine’s Flimwell***

***Sunday 16th May 2021***

***NOTICES and READINGS for …***

***Seventh Sunday of Easter***

***(and the Sunday after Ascension Day)***

**8am Communion (1662 BCP) in St Mary’s**

**11am Morning Worship** **livestreamed in St Mary’s with congregation**, viewable on our Facebook Page.

Shortened services (c.35/40 mins), with prayers, short sermon, and some hymns played for you at the 11am. Facemasks to be worn, and 2m distancing observed.

**NOTICES**

A warm welcome if this is your first time with us.

**Annual Meetings (APCMs)**. Flimwell’s is 18 May at 7.30pm, and St Mary’s on 25 May at 7pm, both in church. Please bring your facemask. See website for the APCM notices, vacancies for which nominations are invited and the revised electoral rolls (voters).

**Thy Kingdom Come**. As will be mentioned in services today the global prayer initiative ‘Thy Kingdom Come extends from 13th to Pentecost. See website [www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global) for resources.

**Family Support Work**. Sheila Synge is willing to collect food/household items, call 01580 860164. FSW make a local collection on the 3rd Weds (19th). See the Vicar’s Letter (still on our website) for info on the FSW Open Garden, 30 May in Eridge Green.

**Diocesan Magazine ‘Faith in Sussex’**. This is online: <https://online.fliphtml5.com/qmzrd/rppf/>

**Our COVID vaccinations are free**. Do consider giving to help vaccinate more in the poorest countries:

[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rowanpatterson](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rowanpatterson)

**Sunday 23rd May – Day of Pentecost**

9.30am Flimwell Communion (Contemporary)

11am Pentecost Communion (Contemp) in St Mary’s

6.30pm Evening Prayer (1662 BCP) in St Mary’s

**READINGS**

**Acts 1: 15–17, 21–26** [NRSV]

15 In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, 16‘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— 17for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.’  
21So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, 22beginning 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.’ 23So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. 24Then they prayed and said, ‘Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen 25to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.’ 26And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

**John 17.6–19** [NRSV]

6 ‘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. 7Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; 8for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, & they have received them & know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. 9I 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. 10All mine are yours, & yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. 11And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, & 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. 12While I was with them I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, & not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. 13But now I am coming to you, & I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves.14I have given them your word, & the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. 15I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one.16They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. 17Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. 18As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. 19And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

**COLLECT FOR THE DAY**

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**.

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