

# Fifth Sunday of Easter

3rd May 2026

## 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.

**Amen.**

## First Reading (Acts 7.55-60)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

## Psalm (Psalm 31)

**Response: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

In you, O Lord, I take refuge.  
Let me never be put to shame.  
In your justice, set me free,  
hear me, and speedily rescue me. /R

Be a rock of refuge for me,  
a mighty stronghold to save me,  
for you are my rock, my stronghold.  
For your name's sake, lead me and guide me. /R

Let your face shine on your servant.  
Save me in your love.  
Be strong, let your heart take courage  
all who hope in the Lord. /R

## Second Reading (1 Peter 2.2-10)

A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

Like new born infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation - if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious;  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner,"  
and

"A stone that makes them stumble,  
and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God's people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

## Gospel (John 14.1-14)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me

that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

### Post Communion Prayer

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**

### For your prayers

#### In our Prayers:

Tommy Lacken, Martin Fletcher, Sheila Hoppenbrouwers, Fr Michael Shier, Carol Martin, Philomena Sorrenti, Hope Oram, Sherry Lacken, Doug Williams, Neville Thomas, Lynn Williamson, Juan Carlos Mandich, Nancy Mandich, Eliane Ferreira Batista, Joanne Dack, Jaqueline Ives, Joan Rivellini, Tommy Naylor, Sarah Chambers, Dwight d'Aguilar Gooden, Bea Ray, Eudora Maame de Graft-Yankah, Martha de Graft-Johnson, David Wilkinson, Josea Cabey, Ian Isaacs, William Flynn

#### Among the departed:

David Crowley, Maggie Stevenson, Pat Lytton, Nick Johns, Sue Bloom

#### Anniversaries of Death:

Elizabeth Bailey, Harold Adlard, Stephanie Gridley, Emily Webb, Tabitha Bawtree, Ada English, Ellen Furnell

#### In our parish:

We pray for Moreland Street, Moreland School and Kestrel House

#### In the wider world:

We pray for the Middle East and a peaceful resolution of the conflict in Gaza and between Israel and Iran. We pray for all those suffering in those conflicts.

### Notices

#### This Week in Church

**Wednesday Open Church: 10am-1pm**  
**12.30pm Mass**

**Next Sunday 6th Sunday of Easter**  
**10.30am Sung Mass**

### King Square Coffee

Community Room, Blackwell House  
(between President House and Rahere House)  
Tuesday afternoons 1.30-3.30pm  
Friday afternoons 12.30-2pm  
A chance to chat with your neighbour and catch up over coffee, tea, soup and sweet treats. Everyone welcome!

### St Clement's Shopping Basket

The basket provides the chance week by week to donate to a collection of dried and tinned food and toiletries which can be passed directly to the Dunloe Centre at St Saviour's Priory which works with the homeless and the very poor in our part of London. Please give what you can.

THE DUNLOE CENTRE always needs the following:

**TINNED FOODS** (ring pull for preference)

Corned beef and meats of all kinds.

Fish, Soups (all flavours), baked beans, spaghetti in tomato sauce. Fruit, rice pudding and custard.

Vegetables (chick peas and pulses are the least useful)

**DRIED GOODS**

Cup-a-soups, potnoodles and instant noodles.

**TOILETRIES** (mostly for men)

Shower gel, shampoo, soap, deodorant, face flannels, disposable razors, shaving cream, pocket-size packs of tissues

### Concert on Saturday @ 3pm



London Gay *Symphonic* Winds

### London Gay Symphonic Winds: Home and Away

#### Details

Join the London Gay Symphonic Winds for a musical journey, with a night of music inspired by destinations around the world and here at home!

Voyage with LGSW from musical theatre stalwarts to classical favourites, via a film score or two - guaranteed to leave you feeling well-travelled by the end of night. Tickets are £12 in advance, £15 on the door - book today!

#### PROGRAMME:

- Sun Dance, Ticheli
- Capriccio Espagnol, Rimsky-Korsakov arr. Winterbottom
- Out of Africa, Barry
- Country Gardens, Grainger
- Florintiner March, Fucik
- Amparito Roca, arr. Fagan
- South Pacific Symphonic Suite, Rodgers and Hammerstein arr. Bennett

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FREE to £12 Select Tickets

Event Details

St Clement's Church, King Square  
King Square, London, EC1V 8DA  
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