

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Reserved Sacrament

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.

Post 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.

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Acts 7: 55-end

⁵⁵ But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ “Look,” he said, “I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.”

⁵⁷ At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, ⁵⁸ dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

⁵⁹ While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰ Then he fell on his knees and cried out, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he fell asleep.

1 Peter 2: 2-10

² Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, ³ now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴ As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— ⁵ you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For in Scripture it says:

“See, I lay a stone in Zion,
a chosen and precious cornerstone,
and the one who trusts in him
will never be put to shame.”

⁷ Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe,

“The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,”

⁸ and,

“A stone that causes people to stumble
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.

9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

John 14: 1-14

14 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ² My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going."

⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

⁶ Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

⁸ Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us."

⁹ Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. ¹¹ Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves.

¹² Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

¹⁴ You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

Hymns

Complete Anglican; Hymns Old and New

		<u>Number</u>
Processional	Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart	70
Kyrie		962
Gloria		Murray
Gradual	Hail to the Lord's anointed	259
Offertory	I know that my redeemer lives	311
Communion	The king of love my shepherd is	649
Recessional	The churches one foundation	636

Notices

Safeguarding

The Parish operates in accordance with the House of Bishops guidance and policies and have our own Parish Safeguarding Officer who is **Mrs Shola Odedina-Barton**. See the front of the Contact Sheet for her contact email address. Alternatively, the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on **0121 426 0407** or email StephH@cofebirmingham.com if you have any concerns.

Fire escape

In case there is a need to evacuate church or the Memorial Hall, please make yourself familiar with the fire exit routes before the service starts.

Compline

There will be a service of Compline on Wednesday the **6th May 2026**. The Zoom details are - Meeting ID: 848 0981 2495 Passcode: 464983

Annual Parochial Church Meeting – APCM

Please note that our APCM will take place on Sunday 17th May after the morning's service. The report is available at the back of church.

Deanery Synod representative

At our APCM we will elect a representative from the church to sit on a newly constituted Deanery synod. If you would like to put your name forward, please take a nomination form from the back of church, complete it and return to Yvonne (PCC Secretary) **before** the APCM starts. There is also an information sheet at the back of church about the role of Deanery Synod representative.

Church tidy up

Could you spare half an hour after the service on the 31st May to help tidy up the scullery and sacristy. Bin bags will be provided. Please let Jeanne or Phil know.

Ascension day service – 14th May

There will be a service for Ascension day at St Michael & All Angels church at 11am on Thursday 14th May.

Thy Kingdom come – 14th May to the 24th May

This year is the tenth anniversary of the worldwide call to prayer between Ascension day and the day of Pentecost. There will be an activity provided to help us keep to the ten days of prayer but you may want to make note of the dates in your diary.

Pentecost – Sunday 24th May

For those of you who like to sort your outfits out beforehand, we will be wearing red on the 24th May.

Christian Aid

If you are able to contribute towards the work of Christian Aid, please take an envelope from the back of church and return it on the offertory plate by Sunday 24th May. The unopened envelopes will then be collected by the co-ordinator at St Edburgh's church with our collection being added to that of the other churches in the

Oversight area. If you want to engage more fully with either the focus for this year's collection or the work of Christian Aid more broadly there is plenty of information available on their website <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/>

Prayer list

The prayer list has been refreshed. If you would like anyone adding please let Phil, Jeanne or Fr Alex know (and get the person's permission as well).

Cordoned off area

Please don't walk within the area that is cordoned off in church.

Prayers

Saint Cyprian's church

Within all the activity and noise that wraps our lives within Hay Mill, may your voice be heard Lord, calling and coaxing your flock onward into an experience of life set free from all unjust worldly restriction and limitation.

Saint Benedict's church

Enable us merciful Lord to appoint to all the necessary PCC positions at our forthcoming Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

Saint Michael & All Angels church

As we prepare for our APCM, we give our heartfelt thanks Lord for all who have constituted the churches Parochial Church Council in times that have now passed. For their faith, wisdom and energy thank you Lord.

Saint Mary's church

Guide us as we move on from our weekend of celebrations that your spirit may fill us all with renewed faith and trust to work together as your followers. That the roof fundraising may continue in an active manner over the coming months.

Prayers at St Cyprian's church

We pray for all those who are in need at this time, for

David Mead, Paul Shaw, Alan, Ronnie Allen and Ollie.

We remember those who have died in faith... Jayne Carter, Beryl Roberts, Peter Young **and for those whose years mind is in May...** Roland Evans-Ryder, Florence Evans-Ryder, Jack Ryder, George Hayward, James Evans, William Saunders, John Orme, Barry Craven, Sandra Hall, Sylvia Allen, John Stacey and Rosalind Fenton.