

# Sunday after Ascension Day

## Holy Communion

17<sup>th</sup> May 2026



### 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.

### Post Communion

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.

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## **Acts 1: 6-14                  Jacqui**

<sup>6</sup> Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

<sup>7</sup> He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

<sup>9</sup> After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

<sup>10</sup> They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. <sup>11</sup> “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

<sup>12</sup> Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day’s walk from the city. <sup>13</sup> When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup> They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

## **1 Peter 4: 12-14; 5: 6-11                  Jeanne**

<sup>12</sup> Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup> But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup> If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

<sup>6</sup> Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. <sup>7</sup> Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

<sup>8</sup> Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you

know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

10 And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. 11 To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

### **John 17: 1-11            Fr Alex**

17 After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed:

“Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. 2 For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. 3 Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. 4 I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. 5 And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

6 “I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. 7 Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. 8 For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. 9 I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. 10 All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. 11 I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.

# Hymns

## *Complete Anglican; Hymns Old and New*

		<u>Number</u>
<b>Processional</b>	Majesty, worship his majesty	436
<b>Kyrie</b>		962
<b>Gloria</b>		Murray
<b>Gradual</b>	At the name of Jesus	54
<b>Offertory</b>	Immortal invisible God only wise	314
<b>Communion</b>	Rejoice the Lord is King	580
<b>Recessional</b>	Love divine, all loves excelling	428

## 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](mailto: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 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026 @ 9.30pm.  
The Zoom details are - Meeting ID: 848 0981 2495 Passcode: 464983

### Annual Parochial Church Meeting – APCM

After the service this morning.

### **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 31<sup>st</sup> May to help tidy up the scullery and sacristy. Bin bags will be provided. Please let Jeanne or Phil know.

### **Pentecost – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May**

For those of you who like to sort your outfits out beforehand, we will be wearing red on the 24<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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/>

### **Cordoned off area**

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

### **Summer cream tea**

Please make a note of the time, date and venue as your formal invitation will arrive in due course. This years cream tea will be on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July 1.30pm to 3.30pm at the Vicarage.

## Prayers

### **Saint Cyprian's 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 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**

Bless those who are attending Walsingham this weekend with a vision, a deep stirring recognising the profoundness of the love in which they are held by you.

### **Saint Mary's church**

Thank you for all the gifts we have been given, that often we fail to praise enough for. Help us not to be self-centred, but focused on our faith.

### 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.**