



Christ Church at Avranches 3 May 2026

5th Sunday of Easter

Visitors – welcome to our service today

To follow the service today you need this sheet, together with the coloured Holy Eucharist card.

Please ask Fr Chris if you would like a paper or email copy of the sermon to read

We welcome and invite baptised Christians from other denominations to receive Holy Communion at this service.

Please join us for refreshments after the service

If you are glad our church is here, please support us with your generosity in the collection, and by telling others about us.

To ask a question or to find out more, please speak to a minister or visit our website:

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Entry of the Ministers

T – Westminster Abbey

**Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and corner-stone
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the Church in one;
holy Zion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone.**

**All within that holy city
dearly loved of God on high,
in exultant jubilation
sing, in perfect harmony;
God the One-in-Three adoring
in glad hymns eternally.**

**We as living stones implore you:
Come among us, Lord, today!
with your gracious loving-kindness
hear your children as we pray;
and the fulness of your blessing
in our fellowship display.**

**Here entrust to all your servants
what we long from you to gain
that on earth and in the heavens
we one people shall remain,
till united in your glory
evermore with you we reign.**

Readings

Acts 7, vv55-60 - *The death of the deacon Stephen*

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31 Pt

T - Angelus

**In you I've taken refuge, LORD;
you are my shelter in distress.
O let me never be ashamed,
but save me in your righteousness.**

**LORD, turn your ear to hear my cry;
come quickly to deliver me,
and be my rock and firm defence,
my stronghold and security.**

**You are my fortress and my rock;
for your name's sake be my sure guide.
Preserve me from the trap that's set;
you are the refuge where I hide.**

**Redeem me, LORD, O God of truth;
my spirit I commit to you.
My times are ever in your hands;
save me from foes who hunt me down.**

**Upon your servant shine your face;
save me in your unfailing love.
LORD, let me not be put to shame,
for I have cried to God above.**

1 Peter 2, vv2-10

- A chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation!

Gospel greeting:

T – Alleluia give thanks

**Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, pay heed to His Word.**

**Christ is the Way, the Truth, the Life:
none come to the Father except thro-ugh Him.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, pay heed to His word.**

Before the Gospel:

The Lord be with you.

All and also with you.

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

John 14, vv1-14

- Jesus: the Way, the Truth and the Life

After the reading:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia, pay heed to His word.

Sermon

Preparing of the gifts

T - Hyfrydol

**Ye that know the Lord is gracious,
Ye for whom a corner-stone
Stands, of God elect and precious,
Laid that ye may build thereon,
See that on that sure foundation
Ye a living temple raise,
Towers that may tell forth salvation,
Walls that may re-echo praise.**

**Living stones, by God appointed
Each to his allotted place,
Kings and priests, by God anointed,
Shall ye not declare his grace?
Ye, a royal generation,
Tell the tidings of your birth,
Tidings of a new creation
To an old and weary earth.**

**Tell the praise of him who called you
Out of darkness into light,
Broke the fetters that enthralled you,
Gave you freedom, peace and sight:
Tell the tale of sins forgiven,
Strength renewed and hope restored,
Till the earth, in tune with heaven,
Praise and magnify the Lord.**

Sending Out

T – Duke Street

**Forth in the peace of Christ we go;
Christ to the world with joy we bring;
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,
Christ in our hearts, the world's true King.**

**King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings;
kingship with him his servants gain;
with Christ, the Servant-Lord of all,
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.**

**Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth
the world of time to consecrate,
the world of sin by grace to heal,
Christ's world in Christ to re-create.**

**Christ's are our lips, his word we speak;
prophets are we whose deeds proclaim
Christ's truth in love, that we may be
Christ in the world, to spread Christ's name.**

**We are the church; Christ bids us show
that in his church all nations find
their hearth and home, where Christ restores
true peace, true love, to all mankind.**