

# *The Parish Church of St John the Evangelist, Crowborough*

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## **22ND MAY: THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

### **COLLECT**

God our redeemer,  
you have delivered us from the power of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:  
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,  
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us  
to eternal joy;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

### **FIRST READING: Acts 16.9-15**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### **PSALM 67**

**Let the peoples praise you, O God,  
let all the peoples praise you.**

May God be merciful to us and bless us,  
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.  
Let your ways be known upon earth,  
your saving health among all nations. **R**

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon earth. **R**

The earth has brought forth her increase;  
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.  
May God give us his blessing,  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him. **R**

### **SECOND READING: Revelation 21.10, 22-22.5**

A reading from the book of Revelation.

In the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

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### **Gospel Acclamation**

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### **GOSPEL: John 14.23-29**

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will

come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Lord, accept our prayers and offerings. Make us worthy of your sacraments of love by granting us your forgiveness. We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**POST COMMUNION**

God our Father,  
 whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:  
 may we thirst for you,  
 the spring of life and source of goodness,  
 through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.  
**Amen**

**HYMNS**

Entrance: 117  
 Offertory: 381  
 Communion: 112  
 Final: 120

**PRAYERS**

**The people of Ukraine**  
**HM Queen Elizabeth II**  
**Bishops in our diocese: Martin, Will, Ruth**  
**The Sick:** Sarah Cashmore, Sally Everett, Jean Gleason, Connie Phillips.  
**R.I.P.:** Fr David Taylor, Brian Redington.  
**Year's Mind:** Ken Fish, Colin Sparke, Gordon Schwind, Ann Cracknell, Robert Ridley, Jill Lightfoot, Ronald Gurr.

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**FORTHCOMING SERVICES**

Sunday 22 May 8am Mass  
**6th Sunday of Easter** 10 am Parish Mass  
 Wednesday 25 May 10am Mass  
 Thursday 26 May 7.30pm Sung Mass  
**Ascension Day**  
 Sunday 29 May 8am Mass  
**7th Sunday of Easter** 10am Parish Mass

**Ascension of the Lord**  
 26 May 2022

**Sung Mass at 7.30pm**

Followed by a glass of sparkling wine or soft drink

**All are welcome.**



**The Rogation Walk** takes place on **Sunday 22 May** starting at 2 pm at the church and finishing around 4pm. We will walk around the parish and pray for God's blessing on all who live and work here, and for our own church community. For children on the walk, there will be prizes (£10, £5 and £5) for the three best photographs and descriptions of some part of the walk. If you would like to walk please sign the list at the back of the church. We will have a picnic in the churchyard after the walk, so please bring some refreshments, which can be left in church while we are walking. A map of the route is available from Loraine, Rita or Fr Edward. All are welcome.

**Let's celebrate!** Join us for **afternoon tea with Prosecco on Thursday 9th June** to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of HM The Queen in the presence of Mrs Sara Stonor DL, Vice Lord-Lieutenant of East Sussex and also the Rt Rev Will Hazelwood, Bishop of Lewes. Tickets available from Lynn or Rita, £20 each - all proceeds towards the church hall. All welcome - bring friends, neighbours relatives etc.

