

Fourth Sunday of Easter – 3rd May

Acts 2: 42-end, John 10: 1-10

Prayers for Today (Collect)

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.

Monday 4th Psalm 103, Exodus 32.1-14, Luke 2.41-end

Lord, we praise you, the Lord of all wonder and life. We rejoice that with you nothing is impossible and that even before we knew it you were touching our lives and preparing them to be filled with your love.

Tuesday 5th Psalm 139, Exodus 32.15-34, Luke 3.1-14

Lord, we praise you for your Holy Spirit, who opens our eyes to see the world, not only as it really is but also as you meant it to be.

Wednesday 6th Psalm 135, Exodus 33, Luke 3.15-22

Lord, we praise you that your presence and power still transform the world, and the lives of your people, that your being with us still gives new meaning to all that we do.

Thursday 7th Psalm 118, Exodus 34.1-10, 27-end, Luke 4.1-13

Lord, we praise you for the light and the peace with which you flood our lives and for the truth that makes each day worthwhile.

Friday 8th Psalm 33, Exodus 35.20-36.7, Luke 4.14-30

Father, we praise you for the Christ who came and the Christ who still comes. We praise you for the Christ who will come again.

Saturday 9th Psalm 34, Exodus 40.17-end, Luke 4.31-37

Lord, we praise you for coming to us in the hustle and bustle of life every day. No matter who we are or what we are doing or facing your almighty presence and power lifts us and changes us.

Fifth Sunday of Easter – 10th May

Acts 7: 55-end, John 14: 1-14

Prayers for Today (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.

Monday 11th Psalm 145, Numbers 9.15-end; 10.33-end, Luke 4.38-end

Still our restless hearts, O God, that we may breathe your love.

Tuesday 12th Psalm 19, Numbers 11.1-33, Luke 5.1-11

Still our restless mind, O God that we may hear you speak.

Wednesday 13th Psalm 30, Numbers 12, Luke 5.12-26

Still our restless bodies, O God that we may know you are near.

Thursday 14th Matthias the Apostle

Psalm 16, I Samuel 2.27-35, Acts 2.37-47

Still our restless desires, O God, that we may feel your love for us.

Friday 15th Psalm 138, Numbers 14.1-25, Luke 6.1-11

Still our restless spirit, O God, that we may trust your will always.

Saturday 16th Psalm 146, Numbers 14.26-end, Luke 6.12-26

Still our restless work, O God, that we may freely receive your grace. In your peace may we find true blessings.

Sixth Sunday of Easter – 17th May

Acts 17: 22-31, John 14: 15-21

Prayer for the Day (Collect)

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father.

Monday 18th Psalm 65, Numbers 16.1-35, Luke 6.27-38

Lord we pray, for Christians, throughout the world, that each person may be a servant of Christ, truly and faithfully following his teachings.

Tuesday 19th Psalm 124, Numbers 16.36-end, Luke 6.39-end

Lord we pray, renew peace in our hearts, and give us the courage of faith in our daily life.

Wednesday 20th Psalm 132, Numbers 17.1-11, Luke 7.1-10

Lord we pray, free us from all prejudice and fear, and deepen our understanding and our love.

Thursday 21st ‘Ascension Day’

Psalm 110, Isaiah 52.7-15, Hebrews 7. [11-25] 26-28

Jesus is seen in earthly form no more, the risen Christ is ascended into heaven. He sits at the right hand of God the Father. Yet he has promised his Spirit will be with us on earth.

Friday 22nd Psalm 20, Numbers 20.1-13, Luke 7.11-17

Lord we pray, show us the way to bring your compassion to the poor, the sick, the lonely and the unloved.

Saturday 23rd Psalm 21, Numbers 21.4-9, Luke 7.18-35

Lord we pray, for parents and teachers and all those entrusted with the care of children and young people.

Seventh Sunday of Easter – 24th May

(Sunday after Ascension Day)

Acts 1: 6-14, John 17: 1-11

Prayer for the Day (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.

Monday 25th Psalm 93, Numbers 22.1-35, Luke 7.36-end

Where kindness is treated as weakness or rejected through lack of grace, forgive us for understanding the gifts of your Spirit.

Tuesday 26th Psalm 98, Numbers 22.36-23.12, Luke 8.1-15

Where goodness is crucified by the power-hungry and passes unrecognised by a noisy, busy world, forgive us for losing sight of the gifts of your Spirit.

Wednesday 27th Psalm 2, Numbers 23.13-end, Luke 8.16-25

Where faithfulness is abandoned and no one trusts another anymore, forgive us for wiping out the gifts of your Spirit.

Thursday 28th Psalm 24, Numbers 24, Luke 8.26-39

Where gentleness is ridiculed and people build their lives round aggression, forgive us for misrepresenting the gifts of your Spirit.

Friday 29th Psalm 28, Numbers 27.12-end, Luke 8.40-end

Where we lose self-control, giving in to the violence of our emotions, forgive us for not trusting the gifts of your Spirit.

Saturday 30th Psalm 42, Numbers 32.1-27, Luke 9.1-17

Holy Spirit, forgive us our rejection of your riches; open the hearts of nations and peoples to receive love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control, but start with us!