

Readings and Collects for the Sundays of Easter.

Easter 5 Sunday April 28

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.

Psalm 22:25-31

²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
I will perform my vows in the presence of those that fear you.

²⁶ **The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek the Lord shall praise him; their hearts shall live for ever.**

²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

²⁸ **For the kingdom is the Lord's and he rules over the nations.**

²⁹ How can those who sleep in the earth bow down in worship,
or those who go down to the dust kneel before him?

³⁰ **He has saved my life for himself; my descendants shall serve him;
this shall be told of the Lord for generations to come.**

³¹ They shall come and make known his salvation, to a people yet unborn,
declaring that he, the Lord, has done it.

Reading: John 15:1-8

¹ I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. ² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³ You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my

words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Easter 6 Sunday May 5

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.

Psalm 4

¹ Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things.

² **His own right hand and his holy arm have won for him the victory.**

³ The Lord has made known his salvation;
his deliverance has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

⁴ **He has remembered his faithfulness towards the house of Israel,
and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

⁵ Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth;
break into singing and make music.

⁶ **Make music to the Lord with the lyre,
with the lyre and the voice of melody.**

⁷ With trumpets and the sound of the horn
sound praises before the Lord, the King.

⁸ **Let the sea thunder and all that fills it,
the world and all that dwell upon it.**

⁹ Let the rivers clap their hands and let the hills ring out together
before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth.

¹⁰ **In righteousness shall he judge the world
and the peoples with equity.**

Reading: John 15:9-17

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's

commandments and abide in his love. 11 I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

12 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15 I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. 16 You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. 17 I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Easter 7 Sunday May 12

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.

Psalm 1

¹ Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.

² **Their delight is in the law of the Lord
and they meditate on his law day and night.**

³ Like a tree planted by streams of water
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither,
whatever they do, it shall prosper.

⁴ **As for the wicked, it is not so with them;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵ Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgement,
nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.

⁶ **For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall perish.**

Reading: John 17:6-19

6 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. 7 Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; 8 for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. 9 I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. 10 All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. 11 And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. 12 While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. 13 But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. 14 I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. 15 I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. 16 They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. 17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. 18 As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. 19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.