# 12 May 2024 - The Sunday after The Ascension

# Opening Hymn 614 – Great Shepherd of your people. hear

### 1 Great Shepherd of your people, hear; your presence now display; as you have given a place for prayer, so give us hearts to pray.

### 2 Within these walls let holy peace and love and concord dwell; here give the troubled conscience ease; the wounded spirit heal.

### 3 May we in faith receive your Word, in faith present our prayers; and in the presence of the Lord unburden all our cares.

### 4 The hearing ear, the seeing eye, the contrite heart bestow; and shine upon us from on high, that we in grace may grow.

# The Greeting - Hello and Welcome

The Lord be with you and also with you

O Lord, open our lips and our mouth will proclaim your praise.  
Let us worship the Lord. All praise to his name.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Blessed be God for ever.

# Penitence - saying sorry

Father, forgive us: save us and help us

# Preparing - to hear God's word

The lesson reader says:

Let us hear the word of the Lord.  
So may the light of your presence shine into our hearts.

# Ephesians 4.1-7 - please be seated

### 1 As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. 2 Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. 3 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. 7 But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it.

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

# Children's Spot

# Hymn 518 - Bind us together

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together  
With cords that cannot be broken

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together  
Bind us together with love

### 1 There is only one God There is only one King There is only one body that is why we sing

### 2 Made for the glory of God Purchased by his precious Son Born with the right to be clean For Jesus the victory has won

### 3 You are the family of God You are the promise divine You are God's chosen desire You are the glorious new wine

# Sunday Club Begins

# Psalm 1 - we stand to say

1 Happy are those who reject the advice of evil people, who do not follow the example of sinners or join those who have no use for God.

2 Instead, they find joy in obeying the Law of the Lord, and they study it day and night.

3 They are like trees that grow beside a stream, that bear fruit at the right time, and whose leaves do not dry up. They succeed in everything they do.

4 But evil people are not like this at all; they are like straw that the wind blows away.

5 Sinners will be condemned by God and kept apart from God’s own people.

6 The righteous are guided and protected by the Lord, but the evil are on the way to their doom.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;•  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

# John 6:25-34 - please be seated

### 25 When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, ‘Rabbi, when did you get here?’ 26 Jesus answered, ‘Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. 27 Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.’ 28 Then they asked him, ‘What must we do to do the works God requires?’ 29 Jesus answered, ‘The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.’ 30 So they asked him, ‘What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? 31 Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: “He gave them bread from heaven to eat.”’ 32 Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven.

### 33 For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.’ 34 ‘Sir,’ they said, ‘always give us this bread.’

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

# Hymn 379 - Break thou the bread of life

### Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord to me, as thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;

### beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord, my spirit longs for thee, O living Word.

### 2 Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me, as thou didst bless the bread by Galilee;

### then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall, and I shall find my peace, my all in all.

# The Sermon - What is your calling?

# Collection Hymn 581 - I the Lord of sea and sky

### I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord.   
Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord,   
if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

### 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

### 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, my hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

# Declaring Faith - affirming our belief

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

# Praying Together - Intercessions

Let us pray to the Lord  
Lord, have mercy.

# Sunday Collect - Easter 7

# Daily Collect - For God's leading

# The Lord's Prayer - we pray with Jesus

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

# The Closing Prayer

# Hymn 528 1,2,4,5 - The Church's one foundation

1 The Church's one foundation

is Jesus Christ her Lord;

she is his new creation,

by water and the word:

from heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;

with his own blood he bought her,

and for her life he died.

**2** Elect from every nation,

yet one o'er all the earth,

her charter of salvation,

one Lord, one faith, one birth;

one holy name she blesses,

partakes one holy food,

and to one hope she presses,

with every grace endued.

**4** 'Mid toil and tribulation,

and tumult of her war

she waits the consummation

of peace for evermore;

till with the vision glorious

her longing eyes are blessed,

and the great Church victorious

shall be the Church at rest.

**5** Yet she on earth hath union

with God, the Three-in-One,

and mystic sweet communion

with those whose rest is won.

O happy ones and holy!

Lord, give us grace that we

like them, the meek and lowly,

on high may dwell with thee.

# Dismissal

We go into the world to walk in God's light,  
to rejoice in God's love and to reflect God's glory.