

Celebrant

Revd Phil Charlesworth

Welcome

Revd Canon Simon Stokes, Rural Dean

God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

Introduction

Confession

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

Absolution

Collect – prayer for the day

Bible Readings

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 1:4-11 read by Revd Rosemary Maskell

While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

A reading from the Gospel of St Luke 24:44-end read by Revd Andrew Parsons

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations,

beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ

Sermon

given by Sr. Stella Noons

Intercessions

led by Revd Dean Akrill

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord's Prayer

Act of Spiritual Reception¹

In union, dear Father, with Christian people throughout the world and across the centuries gathered to make Eucharist, hearing your Holy Word and receiving the Precious Body and Blood, we offer you praise and thanksgiving.

Even though we are unable to taste this Bread of Heaven and drink this Cup of Life we pray that you will unite us with all the baptised and with your Son who gave his life for us. Come Lord Jesus, dwell in us and send your Holy Spirit that we may be filled with your presence. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Blessing

Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia,

Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

¹Source: <https://www.allsaintschildshill.com/2020/03/25/spiritual-communion/>