



Holy Trinity Church, Horfield, Bristol
Creating connections through the inclusive Catholic
tradition in worship, welcome and service



Sunday 28th April 2024
5th Sunday of Eastertide, Year B

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. **Amen.**

First reading: Acts 8:26-40

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, the queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.” The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Gospel: John 15:1-8

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. 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. 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. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire and burned. If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Hymns and music for the Mass:

453 Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour

494 I, the Lord of sea and sky

459 O food to pilgrims given

721ii Love divine

Organ postlude

“Great” Prelude from Prelude and Fugue in C, BWV 547, JS Bach

Mass setting: Mass of St Thomas by David Thorne.

Holy Hour for Peace this afternoon at 4pm.

Prayers



Please pray for those who are unwell: Gillian Crow, Stuart Crow, John Crocker, Marcia, Annie and Andy, Dorothy Charlton, Sophia Vryoni-Dickson, Matthew, Mattei, Annette Beck, Ray Harris, Bryan and Joan Bufton, Linda and Martin Brown, Phillada Ware, Michael Lewis, Martin Nicholls, Bill Nash, Jude Checkett, Lou Neale, Pat Riley and Jean Fenn.



Please pray for the recently departed: Maureen Wootton.

and for those in our Year’s Mind: Harry Dunmall (30th), Alex Hinksman (1st), Joan Gibbs (3rd)

A Prayer for Peace: Holy and gracious God, we pray for the people of Ukraine and Russia; of Israel and Palestine. We pray for all those who are afraid; for those who are suffering and traumatised; and for those who are grieving, that your everlasting arms may hold them in this time of great suffering. We pray for those who choose war; that they will turn their swords into ploughshares and seek for peace. We pray for the leaders of nations; that they may follow the wisdom and compassion of Christ. We ask this in the name of your blessed Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.** Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us! Our Lady of Kyiv, pray for your children.

The Welcome Project Prayer: Lord, our God, source of all life, you reveal your compassion and mercy in the common life we share. Bless each of us as we respond to your Spirit's invitation to open wide our doors to Christ and may the doors of our hearts remain ever open in holy and unconditional welcome. Bless The Welcome Project – that our welcome may be wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship, as we reach out to welcome the stranger and friend alike and so welcome your Son. We make this prayer in his name, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prayer and Meditation for April

Lord, let me know clearly the work you are calling me to do in life and grant me every grace I need to answer your call with courage and love and lasting dedication to your will. Amen.

“So Mary of Magdala told the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord!’ ”

John 20: 18

Notices

Prayer and Pastoral Care Needs: If you need prayer support either for yourself or for someone you know do let Fr David know in confidence. Fr David is also in church most Saturday mornings to offer counselling, prayer, hear confessions or just for a chat.

If you, or a member of your family, is in hospital, or housebound through illness, please let us know and a pastoral or holy communion visit can be arranged by the Rector. ***Fr David and Church Wardens.***

Parish Contacts

Rector: Revd. Canon Dr. David McGladdery, SCP
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Holy Trinity Parish Church Council (General Account)

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Holy Trinity, Horfield PCC (Charity Account)

Sort Code: 306296 **Account Number:** 27658063

Welcome Project Account

Sort Code: 306232 **Account Number:** 64788960

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Regular Services

Sunday 10am Mass. **Tuesday 12 noon** Mass.

Wednesday 10am at St. Gregory's Church.

Thursday 10am Mass **Friday 6pm** Mass

Additional monthly Services in the Lady Chapel at 10am

First Saturday the Holy Rosary will be prayed for peace.

Last Saturday a Mass for healing with anointing will be offered.

Holy Hour of prayer – 4th Sunday of the month at 4pm

Live streams of Sunday Mass and recordings of previous services are now available at <https://www.youtube.com/@HolyTrinityHorfield>

Next **Messy Church:** 19th May 10am – 11.15am in the church hall.

WhatsApp Group: The church WhatsApp group allows members to keep in touch, share news and announcements via their smartphones. If you would like to be added to the group, please talk to a church warden.



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Getting involved

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Live streaming. In order to maximise the numbers of services we broadcast, we need a team of people to operate the remote control (all instructions provide). If you are interested in helping with this important act of witness, please contact a warden.

Welcome Pantry. The pantry is being really well used at the moment and is very low on stock. If you are able to add a few more items to your shopping basket to donate to the pantry they would be most appreciated. Tinned and dried food are especially needed. Thank you in advance for supporting this area of ministry.

Safeguarding. Please don't forget that you can talk about any safeguarding concern, however insignificant it may appear, with the Parish Safeguarding Officer, church warden Caroline.

Save the Date

- ✓ **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** Sunday 12th May 12noon – Sandwich lunch provided. **Please sign up at the back of church so we know numbers for catering purposes.**
- ✓ **Strictly Masterclass and afternoon tea** June 15th in the Hall. £15 per ticket for a masterclass and afternoon tea. £2.50 extra for a glass of prosecco. Proceeds in aid of the Welcome Project. More details in church and on the website.
- ✓ **Parish Barbeque** 13th July 5.30pm onwards.
- ✓ **Harvest Supper** – 4th October 7.30pm
- ✓ **Curry and Quiz** – 23rd November
- ✓ **Festive Cheer** – 7th December