



Wednesday Worship

'I am the vine, you are the branches.'

Evening Prayer 13th May 7.30pm



Newbury, St George & St John

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Welcome to this online benefice service of St George and St John,
in South Newbury.

Please enter the Zoom service in silence (on mute).
You might like to light a candle.

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

In your resurrection, O Christ
let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia.

Blessed are you, Lord God, creator of day and night:
to you be praise and glory for ever.
As darkness falls you renew your promise
to reveal among us the light of your presence.
By the light of Christ, your Living Word,
dispel the darkness of our hearts
that we may walk as children of light
and sing your praise throughout the world.

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

A Song of the Evening Sacrifice

**Let my prayer rise before you as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly;
hear my voice when I cry to you.

Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord,
and guard the door of my lips.

**Let my prayer rise before you as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

Let not my heart incline to any evil thing;
Let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers.
But my eyes are turned to you, Lord God;
in you I take refuge; do not leave me defenceless.

**Let my prayer rise before you as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

Psalm 141.1-4b,8

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful,
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As our evening prayer rises
before you, O God,
so may your mercy come down upon us
to cleanse our hearts
and set us free to sing your praise
for ever and ever.

Amen.

Reflection music.

The Word of God

Psalm 122. 1-5

Response: Alleluia!

I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Alleluia!

Jerusalem, built as a city
that is at unity in itself.
Thither the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.

Alleluia!

As is decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.
For there are set the thrones of judgement,
the thrones of the house of David.

Alleluia!

**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.**

First Scripture Reading: Acts 15:1-6

Then certain individuals came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved." And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to discuss this question with the apostles and the elders. So they were sent on their way by the church, and as they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, they reported the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the believers. When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they reported all that God had done with them. But some believers who belonged to the sect of the Pharisees stood up and said, "It is necessary for them to be circumcised and ordered to keep the law of Moses."

The apostles and the elders met together to consider this matter.

Second Scripture Reading: 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.

Homily

Gospel canticle

Refrain:

The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. Alleluia.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed;
The Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is his name.

He has mercy on those who fear him,
from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,

Casting down the mighty from their thrones
and lifting up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.

He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,
to remember his promise of mercy,

The promise made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and his children for ever.

**The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief corner-
stone. Alleluia**

Prayers

Intercessions are offered

Reflection music.

The Collect is said

God of life,
who for our redemption gave your
only-begotten Son to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us daily to die to sin,
that we may evermore live with him
in the joy of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen.

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Conclusion

May the risen Christ grant us the joy of eternal life.
Amen.

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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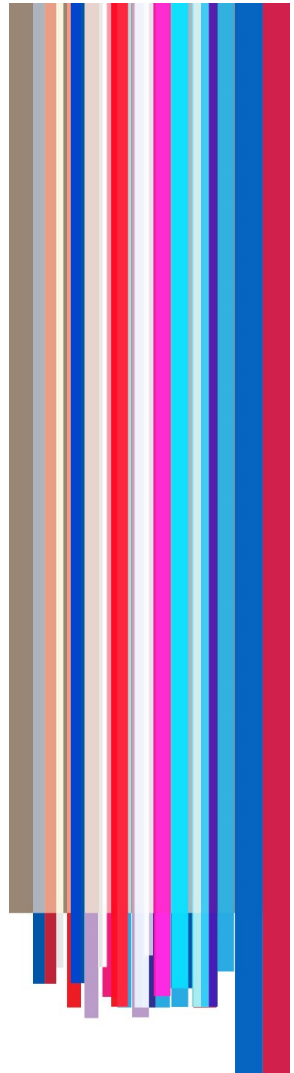
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