

Bulletin



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As the Lord blesses me, I will build for the Lord



Endeavour to come to the house of God with a decent heart, and a decent dress.

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 13: 14.43-52)

In those days: Paul and Barnabas passed on from Perga and came to Antioch of Pisidia. And on the sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. And many Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who spoke to them and urged them to continue in the grace of God. The next sabbath almost the whole city gathered together to hear the word of God. But when the lews saw the multitudes, they were filled with jealousy, and contradicted what was spoken by Paul, and reviled him. And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, "It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, 'I have set you to be a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the uttermost parts of the earth."' And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and glorified the word of God; and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed. And the word of the Lord spread throughout all the region. But the Jews incited the devout women of high standing and the leading men of the city, and stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district. But they shook off the dust from their feet against them, and went to Iconium. And the disciples

were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord!

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 100

R. We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing for joy. **R.**

Know that he, the Lord, is God. He made us; we belong to him. We are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R.**

Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the Book of Revelation (Revelation 7:9.14-17)

I, John, looked, and behold, a great multitude which no man could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands. Then one of the elders said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their

robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night within his temple; and he who sits upon the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The word of the Lord!

Allelvia

John 10: 14

Alleluia. I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own, and my own know me. Alleluia.

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (John 10:27-30)

At that time: Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; and I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

The Gospel of the Lord!

MONDAY

12th May, 2025

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 11: 1-18)

In those days: The apostles and the brethren who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticised him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" But Peter began and explained to them in order: "I was in the city of Joppa praying; and in a trance I saw a vision, something descending, like a great sheet, let down from heaven by four corners; and it came down to me. Looking at it closely I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. And I heard a voice saying to me, 'Rise, Peter; kill and eat.' "But I said, 'No, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' "But the voice answered a second time from heaven. 'What God has cleansed you must not call common.' "This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. At that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me

rom Caesarea. And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brethren also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. And he told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon called Peter; he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.' As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, 'John baptised with water, but you shall be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could withstand God?" When they heard this they were silenced. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance unto life."

The word of the Lord!

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 42

R. My soul is thirsting for you, the living God.

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God. My soul is thirsting for God, the living God; when can I enter and appear before the face of God? **R**.

O send forth your light and your truth;

they will guide me on. They will bring me to your holy mountain, to the place where you dwell. **R.**

And I will come to the altar of God, to God, my joy and gladness. To you will I give thanks on the harp, O God, my God. **R**.

Allelvia

John 10: 14

Alleluia. I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own, and my own know me. Alleluia.

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (John 10: 1- 10)

At that time: Jesus said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber; but he who enters by the door is the sheepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens; the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." This figure Jesus used with them, but they did not

understand what he was saying to them. So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers; but the sheep did not heed them. I am the door; if any one enters by me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

The Gospel of the Lord!

TUESDAY

13th May, 2025

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles Acts 11:19-26

In those days: Those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen travelled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the Church in Jerusalem, and they sent

Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the Church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians.

The word of the Lord!

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 87

R. O praise the Lord, all you nations.

Founded by him on the holy mountain, the Lord loves the gates of Sion, more than all the dwellings of Jacob. Of you are told glorious things, you, O city of God! **R**.

"Rahab and Babylon I will count among those who know me; Of Tyre, Philistia, Ethiopia, it is told, 'There was this one born.' But of Sion it shall be said, 'Each one was born in her." He, the Most High, established it. **R.**

In his register of peoples the Lord writes, "Here was this one born." he singers cry out in chorus, "In you, all find their home." R.

Allelvia

John 10:27

Alleluia. My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; and I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia.

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (John 10:22-30)

It was the feast of the Dedication at Jerusalem; it was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered round him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are Christ, tell us plainly." Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; and I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

The Gospel of the Lord!

WEDNESDAY

14th May, 2025

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26)

In those days Peter stood up among the brethren (the company of persons was in all about a hundred and twenty), and said, "Brethren, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David, concerning Judas who was guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was numbered among us, and was allotted his share in this ministry. For it is written in the book of Psalms, 'Let his habitation become desolate and let there be no one to live in it'; and 'His office let another take.' So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us — one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." And they put forward two, loseph called Barsabbas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed and said, "Lord, who knows the hearts of all men, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside, to go to his own

place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was enrolled with the eleven apostles.

The word of The Lord!

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 113

R. The Lord made them sit with the princes of his people.

Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! May the name of the Lord be blest both now and for evermore! R.

From the rising of the sun to its setting, praised be the name of the LORD! High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory. **R.**

Who is like the Lord, our God, who dwells on high who lowers himself to look down upon heaven and earth? **R**.

From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the ash heap he raises the poor, to set them in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people. **R**.

Allelvia

John 15:16

Alleluia. I chose you from the world that you should go and bear fruit and that your

fruit shall abide, says the Lord. Alleluia.

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (John 15:9-17)

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, have kept my Father's iust as commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide; so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. This I command you, to love one another."

The Gospel of The Lord!

THURSDAY

15th May, 2025

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 13:13-25)

Paul and his company set sail from Paphos, and came to Perga in Pamphylia. And John left them and returned to Jerusalem; but they passed on from Perga and came to Antioch of Pisidia. And on the sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. After the reading of the law and the prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent to them. saying, "Brethren, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, say it." So Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand said: "Men of Israel, and you that fear God, listen. The God of this people Israel chose our fathers and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it. And for about forty years he bore with them in the wilderness. And when he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance, for about four hundred and fifty years. And after that he gave them judges until Samuel the prophet. Then they asked for a king; and God gave them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years. And when he

had removed him, he raised up David to be their king; of whom he testified and said, 'I have found in David, the son of Jesse, a man after my heart, who will do all my will.' Of this man's posterity God has brought to Israel a Saviour, Jesus, as he promised. Before his coming John had preached a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. And as John was finishing his course, he said, 'What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but after me one is coming, the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to untie."'

The word of the Lord!

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 89

R. I will sing forever of your mercies, O Lord.

I will sing forever of your mercies, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your fidelity. I have declared your mercy is established forever; your fidelity stands firm as the heavens. **R.**

I have found my servant David, and with my holy oil anointed him. My hand shall always be with him, and my arm shall make him strong. **R**.

My mercy and my faithfulness shall be with him; by my name his might shall be exalted. He will call out to me, 'You are my

father, my God, the rock of my salvation.' **R.**

Allelvia

Revelation 1:5

Alleluia. Jesus Christ, you are a faithful witness, the first-born of the dead; you have loved us and washed our sins in your blood. Alleluia.

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (John 13: 16 -20)

[When Jesus had washed the feet of his disciples, he said to them,] "Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. I am not speaking of you all; I know whom I have chosen; it is that the Scripture may be fulfilled, 'He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.' I tell you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am he. Truly, truly, I say to you, he who receives any one whom I send receives me; and he who receives me receives him who sent me."

The Gospel of The Lord!

FRIDAY

16th May, 2025

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 13:26-33)

In those days: [When Paul came to Antioch of Pisidia, he said in the synagogue,] "Brethren, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you that fear God, to us has been sent the message of this salvation. For those who live in Jerusalem and their rulers, because they did not recognise him nor understand the utterances of the prophets which are read sabbath, fulfilled these every condemning him. Though they could charge him with nothing deserving death, yet they asked Pilate to have him killed. And when they had fulfilled all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree, and laid him in a tomb. But God raised him from the dead; and for many days he appeared to those who came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now his witnesses to the people. And we bring you the good news that what God promised to the fathers, this he has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus; as also it is written in the second psalm, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you."'

The word of The Lord!

4th Week Of Easter Friday 16th May, 2025

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 2

R. You are my son. It is I who have begotten you this day.

"It is I who have appointed my king on Sion, my holy mountain." I will announce the decree of the Lord: The Lord said to me, "You are my Son. It is I who have begotten you this day." **R.**

"Ask of me and I will give you the nations as your inheritance, and the ends of the earth as your possession. With a rod of iron you will rule them; like a potter's jar you will shatter them." **R.**

"So now, O kings, understand; take warning, rulers of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear; exult with trembling, pay him your homage." **R.**

Allelvia

John 14:6

Alleluia. I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, but by me. Alleluia.

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (John 14:1-6)

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, "Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so,

would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the' Father, but by me."

The Gospel of The Lord!

SATURDAY

17th May, 2025

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 13:44-52)

The next sabbath almost the whole city gathered together to hear the word of God. But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with jealousy, and contradicted what was spoken by Paul, and reviled him. And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, "It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, 'I have set you to be a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the uttermost parts of

the earth." And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and glorified the word of God; and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed. And the word of the Lord spread throughout all the region. But the Jews incited the devout women of high standing and the leading men of the city, and stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district. But they shook off the dust from their feet against them, and went to Iconium. And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

The word of The Lord!

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 98

R. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. **R**.

The Lord has made known his salvation, has shown his deliverance to the nations. He has remembered his merciful love and his truth for the house of Israel. **R.**

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song, and sing out your praise. **R**.

Allelvia

John 8:31-32

Alleluia. If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, says the Lord. Alleluia.

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (John 14:7-14)

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, "If you had known me, you would have known my Father also; henceforth you know him and have seen him." Philip said to him. "Lord, show us the Father, and we shall be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you do not know me, Philip? He who has seen me has seen the Father; how can you say, 'show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me: or else believe me for the sake of the works themselves. "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I go to the Father. Whatever you ask in my name, I will do it, that the Father may be glorified in the Son; if you ask anything in my name, I will do it."

The Gospel of The Lord!