

Welcome to the Fifth Sunday of Easter Mass, Live Streamed on Instagram and YouTube @brentwoodcys

Before Mass starts, find yourself a comfortable place where you can concentrate for the Mass. Perhaps consider lighting a candle or placing a crucifix to focus on.

You are welcome to add any prayer intentions in the comments section on the Live Stream on Instagram.

Opening Hymn: Children of God, sung by the Youth Choir at St George & English Martyrs, Shoeburyness

We stand amidst you in this Holy place
And our hearts long for you
To be touched by your grace
Now we've come here to meet you
to receive you in us,
the wounded healer has been broken in love.

Our hearts now tremble as we draw near to you You fill the emptiness like no one can do Now each breath of life will be an offering of love To you who's in us all around and above.

And as the sun rises on a brand new day we are children of God, children of God Children of God At the table of love, love, love, at table of love

Gloria:

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

First reading, from Acts of the Apostles (6:1-7)

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

Responsorial Psalm (32(33):1-2,4-5,18-19)

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love.

Second reading, from St Peter's first letter (1 Peter 2:4-9)

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.'

Alleluia!

A Reading from the Gospel according to John (14:1-12)

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father's house;

if there were not, I should have told you.

I am going now to prepare a place for you,

and after I have gone and prepared you a place,

I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.

If you know me, you know my Father too.

From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father,

so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?

Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?

The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself:

it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.

You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;

believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me

will perform the same works as I do myself,

he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

Offertory

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Communion Hymn: The Way (The Horizon) by Pat Barrett

Recessional Hymn: We Want to See Jesus Lifted High

We want to see Jesus lifted high A banner that flies across this land That all people might see the truth and know He is the way to Heaven

We want to see, we want to see We want to see Jesus lifted high We want to see, we want to see We want to see Jesus lifted high Step by step we're moving forward Little by little we're taking ground Every prayer a powerful weapon Strongholds come tumbling down And down and down



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