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*Serving St Benedict's, St Mary's & St Oswald's,
Warrington*



7th Sunday of Easter (A)

17 May 2026

Introductory Rites

Entrance Procession

Abba, Father, send your Spirit (293) v 1, 3, 5, 7, 9

Greeting & Penitential Act

Gloria

- 1 **Father, we adore you,
lay our lives before you.
How we love you.**
- 2 **Jesus, we adore you...**
- 3 **Spirit, we adore you...**

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Collect

Graciously hear our supplications, O Lord, so that we, who believe that the Saviour of the human race is with you in your glory, may experience, as he promised, until the end of the world, his abiding presence among us. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading (Acts 1: 12-14)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

After Jesus was taken up into heaven the Apostles returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew

and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers and sisters.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 27

**I believe that I shall see
the good things of the Lord
in the land of the living.**

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom should I fear?
The Lord is my life's refuge;
of whom should I be afraid?
- 2 One thing I ask of the Lord; this I seek:
To dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
That I may gaze on the loveliness of the Lord
and contemplate his temple.

Second Reading

(1 Peter 4: 13-16)

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Beloved: Rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or an evildoer, or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel

(John 17: 1-11)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

'I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have

given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living
and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.**

Bidding Prayers

After each intention:

Risen Saviour! **R. Hear our prayer.**

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

St O: Psalm 150 – George Surtees Talbot

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful
with the sacrificial offerings,
that through these acts of devotedness
we may pass over to the glory of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy, Holy – Mass of Christ our Saviour (Dan Schutte)

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes,
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

The Mystery of Faith

**Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.**

Our Father

Notre père... Têve Mûşu... Vater unser... Ojczy nasz...
Padre nostro... 我們的天父

Sign of Peace

Please exchange the Sign of Peace with those around you in whatever way is most comfortable for you.

Communion Song

**Be still, be still and know that I am God.
Be still, be still and listen with your heart.
Be still, be still and open up your mind.
Be still and know that I am God.**

- 1 Why do you worry and why do you fret?
Have I ever failed you yet?
- 2 I am with you in all your trials.
Trust me always, I'll be your guide.
- 3 Think of me always in things that are true.
Feel me with you, whatever you do.

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Prayer after Communion

Hear us, O God our Saviour,
and grant us confidence,
that through these sacred mysteries
there will be accomplished
in the body of the whole Church
what has already come to pass in Christ her Head.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

Concluding Rite

Blessing & Dismissal

Final Song

Alleluia sing to Jesus (644) verses 1-3



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