

Entrance Hymn

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing
my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

2. Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease,
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.

3. He speaks; and, list'ning to his voice,
new life the dead receive,

the mournful broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.

4. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
your loosened tongues employ,
ye blind, behold your Saviour come;
and leap, ye lame, for joy!

5. My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
and spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of thy name.

Collect

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

New Testament Reading: Acts 7.55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died. *This is the Word of the Lord.* **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm 31.1-5, 15-16

Into your hands I commend my spirit. **Into your hands I commend my spirit.**

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness. Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me. **Into your hands I commend my spirit.** Be my strong rock, a fortress to save me, for you are my rock and my stronghold; guide me, and lead me for your name's sake. Take me out of the net that they have laid secretly for me, for you are my strength. Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth. **Into your hands I commend my spirit.** 'My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me. 'Make your face to shine upon your servant, and save me for your mercy's sake.' **Into your hands I commend my spirit.**

Gospel: John 14.1-14

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place 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 except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever 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; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do



whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'

The Offertory Hymn

1. Thou art the Way: by thee alone
from sin and death we flee;
and all who would the Father seek
must seek him, Lord, by thee.

2. Thou art the Truth: thy word alone
true wisdom can impart;
thou only can inform the mind
and purify the heart.

3. Thou art the Life: the rending tomb
proclaims thy conqu'ring arm;
and those who put their trust in thee
nor death nor hell shall harm.

4. Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life:
grant us that Way to know,
that Truth to keep, that Life to win,
whose joys eternal flow.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

The Sending Hymn

1. We have heard the joyful sound-
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Spread the tidings all around-
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Bear the news to ev'ry land,
climb the steeps and cross the waves;
onward! 'tis our Lord's command-
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

2. Waft it on the rolling tide-
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Tell to sinners far and wide-
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Sing ye islands of the sea!
Echo back, ye ocean caves!
Earth shall keep her jubilee-
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

3. Sing above the battle strife-
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
By His death and endless life-
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Sing it softly through the gloom,
when the heart for mercy craves;
sing in triumph o'er the tomb-
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

4. Give the winds a mighty voice-
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Let the nations now rejoice-
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Shout salvation full and free,
highest hills and deepest caves;
this our song of victory-
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Notices:

- Midweek Eucharist 12:30pm on Wednesday.
- Our food and clothing banks are open before the Wednesday service, from 11am onwards.
- 17th May The Annual Church Meeting will be held in church after the service.
- How your Italian tax return can make a difference to this church: if you wish your 8/1000 (otto per mille) to be donated to the Church of England in Italy, when you present your Certificazione Unica tax form sign your name in the Associazione "Chiesa d'Inghilterra" in Italia box. This donation is free. Anyone who pays tax in Italy can allocate their otto per mille - so please spread the word



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