

## The Roughton Benefice

# Sunday

24 May 2020 Seventh in Easter

### Collect

Risen, ascended Lord,  
as we rejoice at your triumph,  
fill your Church on earth with  
power and compassion,  
that all who are estranged by  
sin  
may find forgiveness and know  
your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.

### First Reading: Ezekiel 36:24-28

<sup>24</sup>I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. <sup>25</sup>I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. <sup>26</sup>A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup>I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. <sup>28</sup>Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

### Psalms 68:1-10, 32-end

*To the leader. Of David. A Psalm. A Song.*

<sup>1</sup>Let God rise up, let his enemies be scattered; let those who hate him flee before him.

<sup>2</sup>As smoke is driven away, so drive them away; as wax melts before the fire, let the wicked perish before God.

<sup>3</sup>But let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy.

<sup>4</sup>Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds his name is the LORD be exultant before him.

<sup>5</sup>Father of orphans and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.

<sup>6</sup>God gives the desolate a home to live in; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious live in a parched land.

<sup>7</sup>O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness, *Selah*

<sup>8</sup>the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

<sup>9</sup>Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad; you restored your heritage when it languished;

<sup>10</sup>your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.

<sup>11</sup>The Lord gives the command; great is the company of those who bore the tidings:

<sup>12</sup>‘The kings of the armies, they flee, they flee!’ The women at home divide the spoil,

<sup>13</sup> though they stay among the sheepfolds - the wings of a dove covered with silver, its pinions with green gold.

<sup>14</sup>When the Almighty scattered kings there, snow fell on Zalmon.

<sup>15</sup>O mighty mountain, mountain of Bashan; O many-peaked mountain, mountain of Bashan!

<sup>16</sup>Why do you look with envy, O many-peaked mountain, at the mount that God desired for his

abode, where the LORD will reside for ever?

<sup>17</sup>With mighty chariotry, twice ten thousand, thousands upon thousands, the Lord came from Sinai into the holy place.

<sup>18</sup>You ascended the high mount, leading captives in your train and receiving gifts from people, even from those who rebel against the LORD God’s abiding there.

<sup>19</sup>Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation. *Selah*

<sup>20</sup>Our God is a God of salvation, and to GOD, the Lord, belongs escape from death.

<sup>21</sup>But God will shatter the heads of his enemies, the hairy crown of those who walk in their guilty ways.

<sup>22</sup>The Lord said, ‘I will bring them back from Bashan, I will bring them back from the depths of the sea, <sup>23</sup>so that you may bathe your feet in blood, so that the tongues of your dogs may have their share from the foe.’

<sup>24</sup>Your solemn processions are seen, O God, the processions of my God, my King, into the sanctuary

<sup>25</sup>the singers in front, the musicians last, between them girls playing tambourines:

<sup>26</sup>‘Bless God in the great congregation, the LORD, O you who are of Israel’s fountain!’

<sup>27</sup>There is Benjamin, the least of them, in the lead, the princes of Judah in a body, the princes of Zebulun, the princes of Naphtali.

<sup>28</sup>Summon your might, O God; show your strength, O God, as you have done for us before.

<sup>29</sup>Because of your temple at Jerusalem kings bear gifts to you.

<sup>30</sup>Rebuke the wild animals that live among the reeds, the herd of bulls with the calves of the peoples. Trample under foot those who lust after tribute; scatter the peoples who delight in war.

<sup>31</sup>Let bronze be brought from Egypt; let Ethiopia hasten to stretch out its hands to God.

<sup>32</sup>Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord,  
*Selah*

<sup>33</sup>O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens; listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.

<sup>34</sup>Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; and whose power is in the skies.

<sup>35</sup>Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God of Israel; he gives power and strength to his people.

Blessed be God!

## Second Reading

### Acts 1:6-14

*A reading from the book of Acts*

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' <sup>7</sup>He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, 'Men of

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Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

<sup>12</sup>Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup>When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

### Gospel John 17:1-11

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John*

<sup>17</sup>After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup>'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because

they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

## Post Communion

Eternal God, giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom:  
confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.