

WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE CHURCH

19 May 2019

5th of Easter

10.30 am Morning Worship with Baptism



Collect of the Day (from Additional Collects 2004)

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

Words for baptismal hymn

This is the truth which we proclaim,
God makes a promise, firm and sure;
marked by this sign made in his name,
here for our sickness, God's own cure.

This is the covenant of grace—
God to the nations shows his love;
people of every tribe and race,
born, by his Spirit, from above.

This is the grave in which we lie;
dead to a world of sin and shame,
raised with our Lord, to self we die
and live to praise God's holy name.

This is the badge we proudly wear,
washed by our God, the Three-in-One;
welcomed, in fellowship we share
hope of eternal life begun.

This is the sacrament of birth,
sealed by a Saviour's death for sin;
trust in his mercy, all on earth,
open your hearts and let him in.

Michael Saward (1932–2015)
© Jubilate Hymns

Bible Reading: John 7.37-52

³⁷ On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me,' ³⁸ and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water." ³⁹ Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

⁴⁰ When they heard these words, some in the crowd said, 'This is really the prophet.' ⁴¹ Others said, 'This is the Messiah.' But some asked, 'Surely the Messiah does not come from Galilee, does he?' ⁴² Has not the scripture said that the Messiah is descended from David and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David lived?' ⁴³ So there was

a division in the crowd because of him. ⁴⁴Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

⁴⁵Then the temple police went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who asked them, 'Why did you not arrest him?' ⁴⁶The police answered, 'Never has anyone spoken like this!' ⁴⁷Then the Pharisees replied, 'Surely you have not been deceived too, have you?' ⁴⁸Has any one of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? ⁴⁹But this crowd, which does not know the law—they are accursed.'

⁵⁰Nicodemus, who had gone to Jesus before, and who was one of them, asked, ⁵¹'Our law does not judge people without first giving them a hearing to find out what they are doing, does it?' ⁵²They replied, 'Surely you are not also from Galilee, are you? Search and you will see that no prophet is to arise from Galilee.'

Anthem 'The Lord is my shepherd' – Howard Goodall (b 1958)

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters. Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil. For you are with me, you will comfort me. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. (*Psalms* 23)

Final Dismissal: Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Next Sunday 26 May

6th of Easter

8.45 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Communion
4.00 pm 4th@4 (informal service)

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Preaching Programme

The leaflet for late April to August is now available

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