

COLLECT

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the
resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of
righteousness,
that we may seek those things which
are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

(Alternative readings)

The reading from Acts must be used as either
the First or Second Reading.

Either **Genesis 7:1-5. 11-18; 8:6-18;
9:8-13**

Or **Acts 9:36-43**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
In Joppa there was a disciple whose
name was Tabitha, which in Greek is
Dorcas. She was devoted to good
works and acts of charity. At that
time she became ill and died. When
they had washed her, they laid her in
a room upstairs. Since Lydda was
near Joppa, the disciples, who heard
that Peter was there, sent two men to
him with the request, "Please come to
us without delay." So Peter got up
and went with them; and when he
arrived, they took him to the room
upstairs. All the widows stood beside
him, weeping and showing tunics
and other clothing that Dorcas had
made while she was with them. Peter
put all of them outside, and then he
knelt down and prayed. He turned to
the body and said, "Tabitha, get up."
Then she opened her eyes, and seeing
Peter, she sat up. He gave her his
hand and helped her up. Then calling
the saints and widows, he showed
her to be alive. This became known
throughout Joppa, and many
believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he
stayed in Joppa for some time with a
certain Simon, a tanner.

PSALM Psalm 23

R *I will dwell in your house for
ever.*

The Lord is my shepherd;
therefore can I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green
pastures
and leads me beside still waters. R

He shall refresh my soul
and guide me in the paths of
righteousness for his name's sake.
Though I walk through the valley of
the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they
comfort me. R

You spread a table before me
in the presence of those who trouble
me;
you have anointed my head with oil
and my cup shall be full.
Surely goodness and loving mercy
shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the
Lord for ever. R

SECOND READING

Revelation 7:9-17

A reading from the book of Revelation.
After this I looked, and there was a
great multitude that no one could
count, from every nation, from all
tribes and peoples and languages,
standing before the throne and before
the Lamb, robed in white, with palm
branches in their hands. They cried
out in a loud voice, saying "Salvation
belongs to our God who is seated on
the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all
the angels stood around the throne
and around the elders and the four
living creatures, and they fell on their
faces before the throne and
worshipped God, singing, "Amen!
Blessing and glory and wisdom and
thanksgiving and honour and power
and might be to our God for ever and
ever! Amen." Then one of the elders
addressed me, saying, "Who are
these, robed in white, and where have



they come from?" I said to him, "Sir,
you are the one that knows." Then he
said to me, "These are they who have
come out of the great ordeal; they
have washed their robes and made
them white in the blood of the Lamb.
For this reason they are before the
throne of God, and worship him day
and night within his temple, and the
one who is seated on the throne will
shelter them. They will hunger no
more, and thirst no more; the sun will
not strike them, nor any scorching
heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the
throne will be their shepherd, and he
will guide them to springs of the
water of life, and God will wipe away
every tear from their eyes."

Or **Acts 9:36-43** (as above)

GOSPEL John 10:22-30

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

At that time the festival of the
Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It
was winter, and Jesus was walking in
the temple, in the portico of Solomon.
So the Jews gathered around him and
said to him, "How long will you keep
us in suspense? If you are the
Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus
answered, "I have told you, and you
do not believe. The works that I do in
my Father's name testify to me; but
you do not believe, because you do
not belong to my sheep. My sheep
hear my voice. I know them, and
they follow me. I give them eternal
life, and they will never perish. No
one will snatch them out of my hand.
What my Father has given me is
greater than all else, and no one can
snatch it out of the Father's hand.
The Father and I are one."

POST COMMUNION

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be
the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his
life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.





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People tell me that they don't like to ask me to visit because I am far too busy. I am never too busy to Visit! If you need a visit, or know someone else who does, day or night at home, hospital or hospice please don't hesitate to call - and I will be there! Phone me at any hour, day or night, on 07941735318 (Fr. Christopher)

Notices

17th April 4th Sunday of Easter:

9.00pm Holy Communion, St. Petroc, Hollacombe (CP),
9.30am Morning Prayer, St, Swithun, Pyworthy
10.00am Holy Communion, St. Peter & St. Paul, Holsworthy (CP)
11.15am Holy Communion, St. Bridget, Bridgerule (CP)

Wednesday 20th April 2016:

12.00 Holy Communion, St. Peter and St. Paul, Holsworthy (CP)

24TH April 5rd Sunday of Easter:

8.00am Holy Communion, St. Peter & St. Paul, Holsworthy (CP)
9.30am Holy Communion, St, Swithun, Pyworthy (CP)
10.00am Morning Prayer, St. Peter & St. Paul, Holsworthy (LT)
11.30am Holy Communion & Baptism, St. Pancras, Pancrasweek (CP)
NO SERVICE, St, Bridget, Bridgerule. (VH)

Come and join us
for a half an hour of Prayer

8.00am Morning Prayer

Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday
At St. Peter and St. Paul, Holsworthy
Monday, & Wednesday
At St. Swithun, Pyworthy.

Matthew 25:34-40

"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

NOTICES

27th April 7.30pm Pancrasweek PCC

30th April 7.30pm Celebrity Concert at St. Swithun's Church, Pyworthy

22nd - 23rd of July Bishops in Mission - Bishop Nick is coming to the Deanery for three days to spend time with us and work with us - more details to follow - watch this space!

Please take this sheet home with you