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**Welcome to our Service today!
And welcome if you are reading this at home!**

NEXT WEEK

PENTECOST

11.15am – Holy Communion

SUNDAY LECTIONARY READINGS

Acts 2. 1-21

John 7. 37-39

THE COLLECT

O God the king of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

PSALM 68. 1-10, 32-35

FIRST READING

Acts 1. 6-14

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. 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.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of 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.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's

journey away. 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. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

GOSPEL READING

John 17. 1-11

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, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'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. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; 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. 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. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. 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.

HYMNS

191 (omit vv 2, 3 & 8) – Hail the day that sees him rise

313 – Lord of all hopefulness

26 – Alleluia, sing to Jesus

277 – Jesus shall reign where'r the sun

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RESTORATION OF THE CHALICE

– at the request of our bishops and archdeacons, Sarah and Joanna have agreed to *offer* the chalice - the 'common cup' – once again, as from Pentecost. We are *strongly* discouraged from using 'intinction' (dipping of the wafer) as this increases the possibility of any contamination. If you do not wish to receive Communion in both kinds and to continue with our current practice, that is absolutely fine. And we are reminded by Bishop Stephen that to receive the consecrated bread alone is to receive Christ in all his sacramental fullness, and that this has always been our inherited theological understanding. As a consequence of this decision, if anyone would like to offer themselves as a **chalice administrant**, please contact Joanna or Sarah as soon as possible so that training and induction can be arranged.

THIS WEEK @ HT



SONGWAYS & CLARITY CHOIRS - 'CELEBRATION OF SONG' CONCERT – TODAY @ 4pm

An uplifting programme of vibrant songs – English, American, Balkan and South African.

Free admission with a retiring collection for the DEC.



MAINLY MUSIC –

Tuesday @ 10.30am – fun & friendship for pre-school families (contact Marlene on 864412 if you'd like to come)

SAXON CLUB – Tuesday @ 2.30pm – fun & friendship for 'seniors' (contact David on 865314 if you'd like to come)

MORNING PRAYER (8.30am) will be said daily except for Tuesday.

FUTURE EVENTS @ HT

COMPLINE BY CANDLELIGHT AT THE SAXON CHURCH –

Wednesday, 31 May at 9pm – all very welcome

TRIO PARADIS CAFÉ CONCERT –

Thursday, 1 June @ 10.45am. A Night at the Opera - a selection of well-known music from operas, including Purcell's Dido's Lament, Habañera from Carmen, Meditation from Thaïs, a selection from Puccini's Madam Butterfly, and a quartet from Verdi's Rigoletto.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for all who are sick, remembering especially: Betty Hancock & Doug Hancock.

Pray for all those who mourn and for those who have recently died.

Please *always* let Joanna or Sarah know of any pastoral need – any kind of pain or loss, illness, hospitalisation, loneliness – or simply cause for prayer.

PRAYER FOR SUDAN

God our Father, whose son Jesus Christ wept over your people, because they knew not the way of peace and were as sheep without a shepherd; hear our prayer for all the people of Sudan. Turn the hearts of their leaders to reconciliation and peace. Bless Archbishop Ezekiel, his bishops and clergy that they may have the strength and support to be true shepherds of your people in the midst of war. Strengthen those who seek to bring peace, who heal the sick and feed the starving and hasten the time when all nations will own your just and gentle rule and receive your gift of peace. **Amen**

FOR PRAYER THIS WEEK

- World peace
- Worldwide clean water
- Worldwide food for all
- Holy Trinity PCC
- The RUH
- Dorothy House Hospice

