

WELCOME TO SAINT MARK'S CHURCH

'The Advocate, the Holy Spirit,...will teach you everything'

As Eastertide unfolds, we feel the power and influence of the Spirit growing. This is the Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead, and the Spirit who brings the Church to birth at Pentecost. As we journey towards Pentecost - the climax of the Easter Season - we should be considering the presence of the Spirit in the Church today: the reconciler of disputes, the solver of problems, true inspiration for the family of God on our journey to the New Jerusalem! From this side, Pentecost is about promise: the Lord at the Last Supper promises that He and the Father will be "at home" with all who keep his words - and it is the Advocate, the Holy Spirit who will remind us of these and all his words. We believe that all Scripture is "inspired" - the word of the Spirit - so as we listen this Sunday let us look for the fulfillment of the promise made by the Lord.

Regina Cæli

Sung after the final blessing on Sundays in Eastertide.

**Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven. Alleluia!
He whom Thou wast meet to bear. Alleluia!
As He promised hath arisen. Alleluia!
Pour for us to God thy prayer. Alleluia!**

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
R. For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.

Let us pray:

O God, who through the resurrection of Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ didst vouchsafe to bring joy to the whole world:

grant, we beseech thee, that through His Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life.

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Jonathan, Bishop of Ebbsfleet will be joining us to celebrate **Pentecost** on Sunday, May 15th, when he will be confirming Chris Richards and Jodie Bruton. Please pray for them as they prepare for the confirmations.

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THIS WEEK'S SERVICES:

Sixth week of Eastertide, Year C;
Weekday mass readings Yr 2;
Divine Office - Psalter Week 2.

**Sun. 1st May 10am 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER
12 pm Holy Baptism**

Wed. 4th 12 pm Wed. of 6th week of Eastertide

Fri. 6th 12 pm Fri. of 6th week of Eastertide

Sat. 7th 10am Sat. of 6th week of Eastertide

Sun.8th 10am THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Confessions by appointment with Fr Philip.

TODAY'S HYMNS: Hymns Old & New

INTROIT: sheet The happy birds Te Deum sing
GRADUAL: 342 Make me a channel of your peace
OFFERTORY: 273 Jerusalem the golden
COMMUNION: 73 Bring flowers of the rarest
RECESSIONAL 82 Christ is made the sure foundation
MASS SETTING: *Mass of St Bernadette*—Mike Stanley