



Alconbury, Buckworth, Hamerton, The Giddings, The Riptons, The Stukeleys, Upton and Winwick  
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## Readings for Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Year B Colour White

### Collect

God our redeemer,  
you have delivered us  
from the power of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:  
grant, that as by his death  
he has recalled us to life,  
so by his continual presence in us  
he may raise us to eternal joy;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### First Reading Acts 10.44–48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.  
While Peter was speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 98

**R The Lord has made known his victory in the sight of the nations.**

Sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvellous things.  
With his right hand and his holy arm  
has he won for himself the victory. **R**  
The Lord has made known his victory;  
his righteousness has he openly shown  
in the sight of the nations.  
He remembers his mercy and faithfulness  
to the house of Israel,  
and all the ends of the earth have seen  
the victory of our God. **R**  
Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;  
lift up your voice, rejoice and sing.  
Sing to the Lord with the harp,  
with the harp and the voice of song.  
With trumpets and the sound of the horn

shout with joy before the King, the Lord. **R**  
Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,  
the lands and those who dwell therein.  
Let the rivers clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,  
when he comes to judge the earth.  
In righteousness shall he judge the world,  
and the peoples with equity. **R**

### SECOND READING 1 John 5.1–6

A reading from the first letter of John.  
Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel John 15.9–17

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

#### Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples:  
'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you.



And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

God our Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ  
gives the water of eternal life:  
may we thirst for you,  
the spring of life and source of goodness,  
through him who is alive and reigns,  
now and for ever.

**Amen**

### **Prayer for the Week**

Risen Christ,  
by the lakeside  
you renewed your call to your disciples:  
help your Church to obey your command  
and draw the nations  
to the fire of your love,  
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

### **This week**

#### **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

8.00 am Holy Communion, Alconbury  
(livestreamed to Facebook and Youtube)  
9.30 am Morning Prayer Winwick  
9.30 am Morning Service, Great Stukeley  
10.30 am – 5.00 pm Open Gardens at Ferrar  
House, Little Gidding

#### **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May Ascension Day**

12.00 noon Zoom service for Ascension Day  
followed by shared Zoom lunch. Please contact  
Fiona for the link (there will be no Friday  
lunchtime service this week).

#### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

9.30 am Morning Praise Alconbury  
(Livestreamed and Zoom)  
9.30 am Holy Communion, Buckworth  
11.30 am Family Communion, Gt Stukeley  
11.30 am All Age Service, Abbots Ripton  
Advance notice

#### **22<sup>nd</sup> May 2-4 Plant Sale in Upton Churchyard (in church if wet)**

**30<sup>th</sup> May** – Service for Trinity Sunday in St  
John's Little Gidding.

This is the only benefice service that Sunday,  
and the first service in Lt Gidding since March  
2020. Seating is very limited and booking is  
essential. Please contact Fiona to book a place

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