

name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

John 17.20-end

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

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SERVICES IN THE NEXT WEEK

Wednesday 1st June - 10am Said Eucharist

Sunday 5th June Pentecost

10am ALL-AGE WORSHIP & 6.30pm CELTIC EUCHARIST

Dates for your Diary

Thursday June 2nd 2pm—MU MEETING - the Jubilee afternoon tea is cancelled.

THURSDAY JUNE 16TH 7PM—CORPUS CHRISTI

Revd Simon Gowler will join me in leading this Eucharist with prayers for healing available. *Revd Paul*

Friday June 17th 7.30pm—Vale Royal String Orchestra here at St Cross. £12 per ticket. Proceeds to VRSO and St Cross. Tickets on sale. See flyers around church contact David Daly on 07798 875995.

Also at St Johns, Friday June 10th at 8pm, and organised by Steven Benson "Sing Me To Heaven"

Saturday July 2nd - Open Gardens for Challenge 50.

Please take this leaflet home with you.

ST CROSS CHURCH, KNUTSFORD



*Faithful
to God
Friendly
to all
Flourishing
for all*

SUNDAY 29th MAY 2022
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
10am Eucharist

Welcome to St Cross for our morning eucharist.

The Collect for the Day

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.**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very

much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' They

spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Acts 16.16-34

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

Alleluia, alleluia.

*I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one; I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore. **Alleluia***

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John:

Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus said, 'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your