

29th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Give the Lord glory and power.

The Lord alone is king, and to him we are to give the homage of our love and obedience. All earthly power is subordinate to God's rule over the universe. It is important to get our priorities right: God first; everything else only in relation to God.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty ever-living God,
grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST READING: The Prophet Isaiah 45:1, 4-6.
I have taken Cyrus by his right hand to subdue nations before him.

PSALM: Ps. 96
RESPONSE: Give the Lord glory and power.

SECOND READING: The first letter of S. Paul to the Thessalonians 1:1-5.
We constantly remember your faith, your love and your hope.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-21.
Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.

Preacher: Father David Humphries

MASS INTENTIONS

Let us focus our gaze on the great God of our making, as we pour out to him our prayers.
The response in the prayers to: You, O Lord, is: **are the ground of our being.**

Lord of all, give your Church such maturity and wisdom
that we may not be swayed from our purpose and calling by trivialities or worldly pressures,
but know increasingly our dependence on you in all things
and proclaim your Gospel with steadfastness and joy.

Silence You, O Lord: **are the ground of our being.**

Lord of all, give to all monarchs, leaders and heads of state graciousness and integrity,
that all in power and authority may undertake their duties in a spirit of humility;
that the oppressed may find a voice, and the nations work together for the good of the world.

Silence You, O Lord: **are the ground of our being.**

Lord of all, give to our homes and places of work and leisure your harmony and peace;
give us grace to respect one another and ourselves in the way we talk and think, and in the way we
behave.

Silence You, O Lord: **are the ground of our being.**

Lord of all, speak your peace into the hearts of all who are agitated, anxious or confused.
Lay your hands of healing on all who are ill and let them know your reassurance and love.

We pray in particular for the sick known to us:

Christine	Peter	Enzo	Ezekeiel	Norman	Louise	
Margaret	Sue	Joan	Guy	Henry	Abigail	
Alan	Bernie	Maureen	Frank	Jack	Herta	Jean

We pray for all those who are suffering from the Covid-19 virus, particularly those in our hospitals
and in intensive care, and ask the Lord that we, our families and our community may be brought
safely through this pandemic.

Silence You, O Lord: **are the ground of our being.**

Lord of all, welcome into your kingdom all who have kept faith and now can lay their burdens down.
May they rest in your peace for ever.

In particular we pray for the members of our own families, the recently departed:
Monica Sheila Palfrey, and for all those whose anniversary falls at this time, namely:

19th Paul Graham Davies, Samuel Douglas Britton.

20th Ada Caroline Wiseman.

22nd Laurence Newman, Doris Cecilia Fisher, Edna Armstrong-Prior.

23rd John Heidt (Priest).

24th Ethel Houghton, Percy Theodore Williams.

✝ Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord; **and may light perpetual shine upon them.**
May they rest in peace; **and rise in glory.**

We bow our heads and remember in silence our own personal intentions and the intentions of those
who have asked for our prayers.

Silence You, O Lord: **are the ground of our being.**

We are all reliant on the intercessions and prayers of others.
Therefore we join our prayers with those of your saints;
S. Philip and S. James and Mary, the Mother of God, as we say together:

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessèd art thou amongst women
and blessèd is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Lord of all, the order and complexity of creation sings your praise, and we give voice to it now as we
offer you our song of lives rededicated to the work of your kingdom.

Merciful Father,
accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.