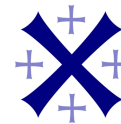




**ANGLICAN CHAPLAINCY OF SAINT ANDREW,  
COSTA DEL SOL EAST, SPAIN**



**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**Collect**

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.

***All: Amen.***

**First Reading—Acts 11:1-18**

<sup>1</sup>Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup>saying, ‘Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?’ <sup>4</sup>Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup>‘I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup>As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>I also heard a voice saying to me, “Get up, Peter; kill and eat.” <sup>8</sup>But I replied, “By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.” <sup>9</sup>But a second time the voice answered from heaven, “What God has made clean, you must not call profane.” <sup>10</sup>This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup>At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup>The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. <sup>13</sup>He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, “Send to Joppa and bring Simon,

who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup>he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.” <sup>15</sup>And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, “John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” <sup>17</sup>If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?’ <sup>18</sup>When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, ‘Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.’

This is the word of the Lord.

***All: Thanks be to God.***

### **Psalm 148**

<sup>1</sup>Alleluia. Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights.

<sup>2</sup>Praise him, all you his angels; praise him, all his host.

<sup>3</sup>Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you stars of light.

<sup>4</sup>Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.

<sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.

<sup>6</sup>He made them fast for ever and ever; he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

<sup>7</sup>Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;

<sup>8</sup>Fire and hail, snow and mist, tempestuous wind, fulfilling his word;

<sup>9</sup>Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

<sup>10</sup>Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and birds on the wing;

<sup>11</sup>Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

<sup>12</sup>Young men and women, old and young together; let them praise the name of the Lord.

<sup>13</sup>For his name only is exalted, his splendour above earth and heaven.

<sup>14</sup>He has raised up the horn of his people and praise for all his faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Alleluia.

## **Second Reading—Revelation 21:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; <sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' <sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' <sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.'

This is the word of the Lord.

***All: Thanks be to God.***

## **Gospel Reading—John 13:31-35**

Alleluia, alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people and kindle in them the fire of your love.

***All: Alleluia.***

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

***All: Glory to you, O Lord.***

<sup>31</sup>When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

***All: Praise to you, O Christ.***

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

***All: Amen.***

## **Scriptures for Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2025—6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Acts 16:9–15

Psalm 67

Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5

John 14:23–29

## **Charity of the Month for May and June 2025**

### **Adintre Foundation**

The Adintre Foundation is made up of a group of people who jointly undertake the altruistic work of caring for the most needy. One of their tasks in Fuengirola and Mijas is to feed the people who most need it. Apart from supporting more than 700 adults and children with food, they also distribute clothes and medicines to those who cannot afford them. They support victims of abuse, old folk without income, adults and children of families at risk of social exclusion, immigrants, those who have been evicted from their homes and they attend to people with reduced mobility.

The Adintre Foundation has been granted the status of an official non-profit organisation in the Register of Andalusian Associations by the Junta de Andalucía, Number 10181, Section 1, ADINTRE (Andalusian Integration).