

St. John's Anglican Church, St. Raphaël

A congregation of the Church of England's Diocese in Europe
and a Member of the World-Wide Anglican Communion

**St John's is an inclusive Congregation & welcomes
everyone to worship and take Communion with us.**

**A VERY WARM WELCOME
TO OUR SERVICE THIS MORNING!**



**Sunday 5 May, 2024
6th Sunday of Easter**

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welcome person at the back of the church before the Service begins.**

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nos vidéos./ Our services are videoed and posted on the internet. You may
appear in our videos.**

NOTICES & ORGAN PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN # 242 God Is Love

WELCOME & PRAYER OF PREPARATION

CONFESSION, KYRIE, ABSOLUTION, GLORIA

COLLECT PRAYER OF THE DAY

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Introduction to the Reading

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS OF THE APOSTLES (10:44-48)

While Peter was still 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.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Introduction to the Reading

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF JOHN (1 JOHN 5:1-6)

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.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Introduction to the Gospel

HYMN # 120 Come Down O Love Divine

Gospel Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Gospel Reader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to.....

All: Glory to you O Lord.

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN (15:9-17)

Jesus said, "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."

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

MUSICAL INTERLUDE OR CHOIR ANTHEM

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY HYMN # 566 O Lord Of Heaven And Earth And Sea

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Communion Prayer*)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE COMMUNION OF THE CONGREGATION

If you are a believer in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; or Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer; we welcome you to take Communion with us. It is also perfectly acceptable to take only the bread, or only the wine, if you so wish.

If you would like to receive a blessing instead of taking Communion, or would like a prayer for healing at the altar rail, please ask the priest when he comes to you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

PRIESTLY BLESSING *(Please stand)*

FINAL HYMN # 524 Name Of All Majesty

SENDING OUT INTO THE WORLD & POSTLUDE

NOTICES

Thank you to all of our Electoral Roll members who were able to stay and reflect on the past year and deal with the challenges of the year to come at our AGM last Sunday.

For those who were not able to attend the AGM, Revd Tom announced his retirement as of January 1, 2025. His last service will be on Sunday 29 December.

The Port Grimaud Administration has recently installed a new very good organ in St Francois Church. It is being dedicated on Ascension Day, 9 May at 5:45 pm. As this is a Chapel of Ease (not used except for special services) for our congregation, we have been invited to the dedication beginning at 5:45 pm with the Protestant Unie and Roman Catholic Church.

KEEP THE DATE! On **Wednesday 19 June at 6pm**, our Choir will have their traditional early summer concert. This year it is wonderful music of the Anglican Evensong Service. If you have ever been to one of the Cathedrals or College chapels in the UK, you will have heard this music at the service in the late afternoon. Please plan on attending this service and supporting our Choir!

Readings for Sunday May 12 (Ascension Sunday): Acts 1.1-11; Ephesians 1.15-23, Acts 1.1-11, Luke 24.44-53