

Today's hymns

Entrance	166	Crown him with many crowns
Gradual	172	The head that once was crowned with thorns
Offertory	563	Rejoice! The Lord is king
Final	167	Hail the day that sees him rise

Joint Service with Old Catholics in Bonn

Please note that there will be a joint service this evening in St. Paulus, Bonn at 5 p.m. together with the Old Catholics. Despite the short notice (for which Richard apologises) please do make every effort to support this event.

Evening Prayer and Bible Study this week

Evening Prayer and Bible study at All Saints in Cologne take place at 6pm to 6.30pm (Evening Prayer) and 6.30pm to 7.30pm (Bible study) this Friday. All are welcome.

Thy Kingdom Come

Christians around the world are invited to take part in 'Thy Kingdom Come', a global wave of prayer between Ascension and Pentecost. You can find many prayer resources at: <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/prayerresources>

Book sale

Come to our second-hand book sale at St. Paulus in Bonn-Beuel on Saturday 10th June (time to be confirmed). If you can help with sorting or selling books, or preparing refreshments to sell, please see the Bonn churchwardens.

Bonn English Singers summer concerts

The [Bonn English Singers](#) will be giving two summer concerts in Bonn: Sunday 11th June at 6pm (St. Josef, Beuel) and Sunday 18th June at 4pm (St. Sebastian, Poppelsdorf). The programme includes Duruflé's Requiem and pieces by Stanford, Ireland and more.

Weekly sheet

If you have any notices for this weekly sheet, please email Ranti Hendricks: rantihendricks@yahoo.com. The deadline is 9am on Wednesday morning for the following Sunday.

Are you new to Bonn or Cologne, or to this church? For up to date information, follow us on Facebook/Twitter and visit our website. To be added to the mailing list, let us have your contact details.

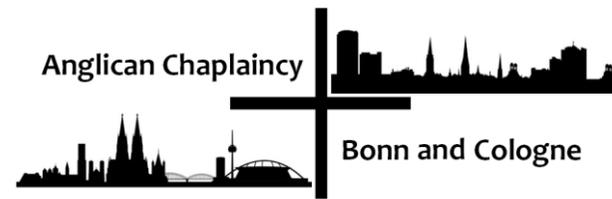
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WELCOME

Welcome to Sunday worship, especially if you are joining us for the first time. Refreshments will be served after the service. We hope you might stay and introduce yourself.

**Sunday 28th May 2017
Ascension (transferred)**

President Bonn: Revd Richard Costin
President Cologne: Revd Richard Gardiner
Preacher: Revd Richard Gardiner

Collect for today

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ
to have ascended into the heavens,
so we in heart and mind may also ascend
and with him continually dwell;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

**First reading – Acts 1.1-11
The Promise of the Holy Spirit**

¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about

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the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.' ⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' ⁷He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Psalm 47

Clap your hands together, all you peoples;
O sing to God with shouts of joy.

**For the Lord Most High is to be feared;
he is the great King over all the earth.**

He subdued the peoples under us
and the nations under our feet.

**He has chosen our heritage for us,
the pride of Jacob, whom he loves.**

God has gone up with a merry noise,
the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.

**O sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

For God is the King of all the earth;
sing praises with all your skill.

**God reigns over the nations;
God has taken his seat upon his holy throne.**

The nobles of the peoples are gathered together
with the people of the God of Abraham.

**For the powers of the earth belong to God
and he is very highly exalted.**

Second reading – Ephesians 1.15-23

Paul's Prayer

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation

as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Gospel reading – Luke 24.44-53

The Ascension of Jesus

⁴⁴Jesus said to the disciples, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Post Communion prayer

God our Father,
you have raised our humanity in Christ
and have fed us with the bread of heaven:
mercifully grant that, nourished with such spiritual blessings,
we may set our hearts in the heavenly places;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.