



Where all find a welcome and are nurtured in their journey with Christ.

Worship for Eastertide

Sunday 10 May 2020

10.00 am

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The Greeting

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Let us rejoice and sing God's praise for ever.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Words of Welcome and Introduction

Hymn

**Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the Church in one,
holy Sion's help for ever,
And her confidence alone.**

**All that dedicated city,
dearly loved of God on high,
in exultant jubilation,
pours perpetual melody,
God the One in Three adoring
in glad hymns eternally.**

**To this temple, where we gather,
come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
with thy wonted loving-kindness,
hear thy servants as they pray,
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls always.**

**Laud and honour to the Father,
laud and honour to the Son,
laud and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three and ever One,
consubstantial, co-eternal,
while unending ages run.**

Prayers of Penitence

In baptism we died with Christ,
so that as Christ was raised from the dead,
we might walk in newness of life.
Let us receive new life in him
as we confess our sins in penitence and faith.

cf Romans 6.4

We have lived by our own strength,
and not by the power of your resurrection.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
as faithless and not believing.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone,
and doubted our home in heaven.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse us from our sins,
and restore us in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Collect

(for The Fifth Sunday of Easter)

Let us pray.

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.

Amen.

Reading(s) from the Bible

First reading: Acts 7: 55-end

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Standing before the high priest and the council, Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!'

But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.'

Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Through all the changing scenes of life,
in trouble and in joy,
the praises of my God shall still
my heart and tongue employ.

O magnify the Lord with me,
with me exalt his name;
when in distress to him I called,
he to my rescue came.

The hosts of God encamp around
the dwellings of the just;
deliv'rance he affords to all
who on his succour trust.

O make but trial of his love;
experience will decide
how blest are they, and only they,
who in his truth confide.

Fear him, ye saints, and you will then
have nothing else to fear;
make you his service your delight;
your wants shall be his care.

**To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
the God whom we adore,
be glory as it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.**

Gospel

John 14.1-14

Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life.

Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

John 6.40

Alleluia.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if

I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the

Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. if in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

An Easter Acclamation

Our Lord Jesus Christ, risen from death,
we praise you for changed lives and new hopes at Easter.

You come to Mary in the garden,
and turn her tears into joy.

For your love and mercy we give you thanks:

we praise your holy name.

You come to the disciples in the upper room,
and turn their fear into courage.

For your love and mercy we give you thanks:

we praise your holy name.

You come to the disciples by the lakeside,
and turn their failure into faith.

For your love and mercy we give you thanks:

we praise your holy name.

You come to the disciples on the Emmaus road,
and turn their despair into hope.

For your love and mercy we give you thanks:

we praise your holy name.

You come to your people now,
and turn our weakness into triumph.

For your love and mercy we give you thanks:

we praise your holy name.

Alleluia. Christ has been raised from the dead.

1 Corinthians 15.20

The peace of the risen Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Hymn

I danced in the morning
when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon
and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven
and I danced on the earth;
at Bethlehem I had my birth.

(Refrain)

*Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

I danced for the scribe
and the pharisee,
but they would not dance
and they wouldn't follow me;
I danced for the fishermen,
for James and John;
they came with me
and the dance went on.

Dance, then, wherever you may be...

**I danced on the Sabbath
and I cured the lame:
the holy people
said it was a shame.**

**They whipped and they stripped
and they hung me high,
and they left me there
on a cross to die.**

Dance, then, wherever you may be...

**I danced on a Friday
when the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance
with the devil on your back.
They buried my body
and they thought I'd gone;
but I am the dance
and I still go on.**

Dance, then, wherever you may be...

**They cut me down
and I leapt up high;
I am the life
that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you
if you'll live in me:
I am the Lord
of the Dance, said he.**

Dance, then, wherever you may be...

Prayers of intercession

Written by Judith Waddington

Merciful Lord as you comforted your disciples, we pray that you comfort all your people at this time of greatest need.

We continue to pray for all affected by Covid 19. For doctors, nurses, and all hospital staff, for all working in care homes and for ambulance personnel. For shop workers, delivery drivers, postal staff and workers

keeping our bins emptied. For all who are serving others in any capacity especially those who are known only to you.

Lord in your mercy – hear our prayer

We thank you Lord for families and friends supporting each other in any way, for modern technology keeping us in contact. That during these exceptional times - heroes are being made out of ordinary people.

Lord in your mercy – hear prayer

We pray for all who are suffering in mind or spirit. Many small businesses face an uncertain future. Give strength to all who work in this sector, that a recovery can be made; that a positive future can be faced.

Lord in your mercy – hear our prayer

Give comfort dearest Lord to all who's important plans have had to be cancelled. Weddings, and special birthdays or anniversaries. Family parties and important occasions. Give us hope that these will soon be able to take place.

Lord in your mercy – hear our prayer

We pray for all who are suffering from Covid 19. They will be afraid Lord and need your comfort to regain their health and strength.

Lord in your mercy – hear our prayer

We pray for the safety of her Majesty The Queen and for her Government – that a strong team can make plans for the future of the country.

We pray for the work of ‘Saves Lives’ and other organisations working to end domestic abuse. For those suffering abuse; give them strength to ask for help. We pray particularly for the children living in a home where there is domestic violence even against themselves. For local children who are living in poverty, for the food banks that are trying to see to their needs at this dreadful time.

Lord in your mercy – hear our prayer

We ask support for all feeling the strain of living confined lives. We pray for ourselves, our families and friends and for the residents of Hollyshaw Grove.

And for those who have asked for our prayers

Ginny Camponi
Tom Heaphy
Edward Fryer
Geoffrey Rinder
Jennifer Moad
George Brown

Together with any others known to us for
whom we pray in a moment of silence -

Lord in your mercy – hear our prayer

Heavenly Father help all who suffer
the loss of a loved one. You know their
heavy heart. Your people have had to
find a new way of mourning, a new way
of coping with their grief. Give them the
strength to ask for help and not bear this
alone. We pray for all who have died and
mention by name those known to us

Paul David Ward
Marjorie Young
George Abdy

And we pray for those whose anniversary
of death falls at this time including

Joan Helly

Mark Dean Johnson

Lord in your mercy – hear our prayer

United with the whole Church across
the world, let us pray with confidence
using the words our Saviour taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Hymn

Christ is our cornerstone,
on him alone we build;
with his true saints alone
the courts of heav'n are filled:
on his great love
our hopes we place
of present grace
and joys above.

O then with hymns of praise
these hallowed courts shall ring;
our voices we will raise
the Three in One to sing;
and thus proclaim
in joyful song,
both loud and long,
that glorious name.

**Here, gracious God, do thou
for evermore draw nigh;
accept each faithful vow,
and mark each suppliant sigh;
in copious shower
on all who pray
each holy day,
thy blessings pour.**

**Here may we gain from heav'n
the grace which we implore;
and may that grace, once giv'n,
be with us evermore;
until that day
when all the blest
to endless rest
are called away.**

Closing Prayer, Responses and Blessing

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.

Amen.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He has given us new life and hope.

He has raised Jesus from the dead.

God has claimed us as his own.

He has brought us out of darkness.

He has made us light to the world.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Blessing

May Christ,
who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future,
fill you with his new life;
and the blessing of God Almighty
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
rest upon you, your homes and those whom you love
this day and always.

Amen.

With the power that raised Jesus from the dead at work within you, go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

“I Danced In The Morning (Lord Of The Dance)”

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