

Christ is Risen - Service of the Word in Easter

Sixth Sunday of Easter – Sunday 17th May 2020

Please remember to join us after this service on Zoom for fellowship and conversation.

Meeting ID - 721-9833-2343

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The Paschal candle is lit.

The Greeting

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All He has given us new life and hope.

He has raised Jesus from the dead.

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Opening Prayer

**All We gather together although apart,
Taking sanctuary in our own homes.**

**We gather together although apart,
Confident that God is present with each and every one of us.**

**We gather together although apart,
Trusting the Holy Spirit to knit our hearts together as one.**

**We gather together although apart,
To celebrate Jesus, God's gift of unconditional love and grace,
to give thanks and praise.**

Alleluia!

Musical meditation – Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

Prayers of Penitence

Almighty God, you have set before us the path of life, but we have wandered on our own to try to find our way.
Let us now come to you asking for forgiveness...

All Loving God,
in Jesus you offer life to the world
and love to its people.
When we see life only for ourselves,
forgive us.

Help us to hear your transforming love
speaking to us of respect, dignity and worth,
telling us that we are loved
and that we are to love one another.

In the knowledge of this love
work through us to bring your justice to the world,
in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

So may the God of love
bring us back to himself,
forgive us our sins,
and assure us of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis (sung to the tune – Ode to Joy)

All Glory be to God in heaven,
peace to those who love him well;
on the earth let all his people
speak his grace, his wonders tell:
Lord, we praise you for your glory,
mighty Father, heaven's king;
hear our joyful adoration
and accept the thanks we bring.

**Only Son of God the Father,
Lamb who takes our sin away,
now with God in triumph seated
for your mercy, Lord, we pray:
Jesus Christ, most high and holy,
Saviour, you are God alone
in the glory of the Father
with the Spirit: Three-in-One!**

Collect

Let us pray that we may reign with the risen Christ in glory:

God our Father,
Whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
May we thirst for you,
The spring of life and source of goodness,
Through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

All Amen.

Gospel Reading – John 14.15-27

Alleluia, alleluia.
Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life.
Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.'

All Alleluia.

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples, "If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever – the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them."

Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, “But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?”

Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

“All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, O Christ.

Address

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.
All We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

cf Ephesians 3

Prayers of Intercession

Risen Christ you are all and within all things,
You are the giver and the gift.
You love us without hesitation.
Help us always to recognize that you are the one who is in our hearts.
Do not let our hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.
Lord in your mercy,
All Hear our prayer.

Risen Christ,
you take our troubled hearts and turn them from darkness to light.
With you we lose all our fear and find new hope,
New joy to begin again.
Take from us our blindness,
So to see you more clearly in the hours of this day.
Lord in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer.

You, O Christ are the one whom we seek
and who we find in our hearts.
You are the one who cherishes
and upholds the whole world within our hearts.
Come with wisdom and generosity
into the hearts of the leaders of all the nations
and with all who are seeking to find a vaccination and cure for the virus.
We pray for the world over,
for all who are using your gift of life and skill to help the suffering.
For renewed strength and hope in the world today we pray.
Lord in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer.

O Christ,
all life comes from you and is held and sustained by the breath of your Spirit.
For all who are sick and needy at this time, especially for Brian Hoskins.
For those close to us and those who are far way.
Grant to those who are longing for health in body, mind and spirit today,
To be filled with the warmth of your Spirit and healing.
Lord in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer.

For all whose gift of life and living has ended in death.
For all whose experience of living is now renewed
and revealed on a more distant shore.
We pray for Ann Duffle and José Cook,
and all those who mourn.
Grant to them O Christ, with us, the gift of peace and light.
You who give the starry night and the wonders of the deep,
who says, I am with you always even till the end of time.

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

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers and praise into one,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

All 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.

Reflection music – *Shout for Joy and Sing* (please join in!)

All Shout for joy and sing your praises to the King,
Lift your voice and let your hallelujahs ring;
Come before His throne to worship and adore,
Enter joyfully now the presence of the Lord.

You are my Creator, You are my Deliverer,
You are my Redeemer, You are Lord,
And You are my Healer.
You are my Provider,
You are now my Shepherd and my Guide,
Jesus, Lord and King, I worship You.

(repeat)

Prayer Litany

God, our Holy Parent, watches over us
with love and deep compassion.

All We have not been orphaned.
Jesus, our brother and the pioneer of our faith,
leads us by truth, in word and deed.

All We have not been orphaned.

The Holy Spirit, our Advocate, Guide, and constant companion,
breathes with us day and night.

All We have not been orphaned.

The community of the faithful exists
beyond time and space.

All We have not been orphaned.

The Word of Hope recedes into the past
and marches forward into the future,
carrying us through life of its way.

All We have not been orphaned.

Thanks be to God.

All We have not been orphaned.

(inspired by John 14:15-21 & posted on [RevGalBlogPals](#))

The Peace

Jesus says to his disciples,
'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.
Not as the world gives do I give to you.
Let not your hearts be troubled or afraid.'
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

cf John 14.27

All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Praise & Dismissal

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All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All He has given us new life and hope.

He has raised Jesus from the dead.

God has claimed us as his own.

All He has brought us out of darkness.

He has made us light to the world.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

May the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always,

All Amen.

With the power that raised Jesus from the dead at work within you,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

All In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Please join us after this service on Zoom for refreshments and fellowship.
Details found at the beginning of this order of service.**

**Book of Common Prayer
Evening Prayer**

THIS evening (17th May) at 6.30pm.

Join live on Zoom:

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