

Ascension Sunday

Service of Holy Communion

Sunday 16th May 2021, 10.30am

This sheet has the seasonal and weekly additional material to go alongside our new orders of service which can be found at www.holytrinitypottenend.org.uk/worship.

The Gathering

The Greeting

All God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Prayer of Preparation

Musical Meditation – Alleluia, sing to Jesus

Prayers of Penitence

What God has prepared for those who love him,
he has revealed to us through the Spirit;
for the Spirit searches everything.
Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord,
who has prepared good things for those who love him.

Lord Jesus, you suffered a cruel death on the cross for
our redemption,
yet we have forgotten your pain.
Lord, have mercy.
All Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you were raised from death to bring us new life,
yet we have preferred the comfort of the familiar.
Christ, have mercy.
All Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you have ascended to your Father and our God;
plead there at the right hand of God
for our forgiveness and entry into the fullness of his presence.
Lord, have mercy.
All Lord, have mercy.

Gloria in Excelsis

The Collect

Let us pray that our risen and ascended Lord will lead us to eternal life.

Risen Christ,
you have raised our human nature to the throne of heaven:
help us to seek and serve you,
that we may join you at the Father's side,
where you reign with the Spirit in glory,
now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

New Testament Reading – Acts 1. 1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

¹ In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach ² until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. ³ After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. ⁴ On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

⁶ Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

⁷ He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading – Mark 16.15-20

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. ¹⁶Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; ¹⁸they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well.”

¹⁹After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God. ²⁰Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Talk – the Hospice of St. Francis

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.**

Prayers of Intercession

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
If you love me, rejoice because I am going to the Father'. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All and also with you.

Offertory hymn – Rejoice the Lord is King

All Rejoice, the Lord is King:
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Savior, reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When He has purged our stains,
He took his seat above;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord and judge shall come
And take His servants up
To their eternal home:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Eucharistic Prayer – Prayer H

The Lord's Prayer ('Sins' version)

Breaking of the Bread

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.

All Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us, that we may live in you.

Agnus Dei

Giving of Communion

I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, Alleluia.
The Lord our God has entered into his kingdom.

**All Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.
Alleluia.**

**All Jesus,
I believe that you are present in our communion.
Whether I am here physically or virtually,
I love you above all things,
and I desire to receive you into my soul.
Come, I pray, spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there
and unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

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.

All Amen.

**All We thank you, Lord,
that you have fed us in this sacrament,
united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
prepared for all peoples.
Amen.**

Notices

Worship Song – *There is peace in Christ*
(performed by Sara and Esther)

There is peace in Christ
When we learn of Him
Feel the love He felt for us
When He bore our sins
Listen to His words
Let them come alive

If we know Him as He is
There is peace in Christ

He gives us hope
When hope is gone
He give us strength
When we can't go on

He give us shelter
In the storms of life
When there's no peace on Earth
There is peace in Christ

There is peace in Christ
When we walk with him
Through the streets of Galilee to Jerusalem
Mend the broken hearts
Dry the tear-filled eyes
When we live the way He lives
There is peace in Christ

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When hope is gone
He give us strength
When we can't go on
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Instrumental

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Responsory

All As we wait in silence,
make us ready for your coming Spirit.

As we listen to your word,
All **make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

As we worship you in majesty,
All **make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

As we long for your refreshing,
All **make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

As we long for your renewing,
All **make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

As we long for your equipping,
All **make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

As we long for your empowering,
All **make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

Blessing & Dismissal

God the Father,
who has given to his Son the name above every name,
strengthen you to proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord.
All **Amen.**

God the Son,
who is our great high priest passed into the heavens,
plead for you at the right hand of the Father.
All **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,
who pours out his abundant gifts upon the Church,
make you faithful servants of Christ our King.
All **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
All **Amen.**

Waiting expectantly for the promised Holy Spirit,
go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Thank you for joining us this morning.
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