

**Seventh Sunday of Easter/
1st Sunday after Ascension.
24th May 2020**

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The Greeting

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

God has gone up with a shout,

All the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

Hymn

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name.

I've been born again in Jesus' name

And in Jesus' name I come to you

To share his love as he told me to.

He said 'Freely, freely you have received;;
freely, freely give.

Go in my name, and because you believe
others will know that I live.

All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name
In earth and heav'n in Jesus name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share his pow'r as he told me to.

He said 'Freely, freely you have received;;
freely, freely give.

Go in my name, and because you believe
others will know that I live.

God gives us life in Jesus' name
He lives in us in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share his peace as he told me to.

He said 'Freely, freely you have received;;
freely, freely give.

Go in my name, and because you believe
others will know that I live.

Prayers of Penitence

Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.

Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil

and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

1 Corinthians 5.7,8

All Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence is kept.

Like Mary at the empty tomb,
we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Like the disciples behind locked doors,
we are afraid to be seen as your followers.

Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Like Thomas in the upper room,
we are slow to believe.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Collect

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in
heaven:

we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour
Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

A reading from The Acts of the Apostles read by Rev'd Nick Wells

Acts 1:6-24

So 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.'

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Read by Rev'd Adam Thomas

John 17:1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence

with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶ 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon The Revd Ann Wood

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and
the life of the world to come.
Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

**Lead by Members of St John's and St
Cuthbert's**

Lord, in your mercy
All Hear our prayer.

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

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Jesus said 'Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Believe in God, believe also in me.'

The peace of the Lord be always with you
All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

This is my body, broken for you,
Bringing you wholeness, making you free,
Take it and eat it, and when you do,
Do it in love for me.

This is my blood poured out for you,
Bringing forgiveness, making you free.
Take it and drink it, and when you do,
Do it in love for me.

Back to my Father soon shall I go.
Do not forget me; then you will see
I am still with you, and you will know
You're very close to me.

Filled with my Spirit, how you will grow!
You are my branches; I am the tree.
If you are faithful, others will know
You are alive in me.

Love one another – I have loved you,
And I have shown you how to be free;
Serve one another, and when you do,
Do it in love for me.

Offertory Prayer

Be present, be present,
Lord Jesus Christ,
our risen high priest;
make yourself known in the breaking of
bread.
Amen.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord is here.
All His Spirit is with us.
Lift up your hearts.
All We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
and in these days of Easter
to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.
For by the mystery of his passion
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death and hell
and restored in men and women the image of
your glory.
He has placed them once more in paradise
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.
And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels and the powers of
all creation
sing for ever the hymn of your glory.

**Holy, Holy, Holy
Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of you glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his
command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for
you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the
forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and
glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our
Lord

Great is the mystery of faith

All **Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again**

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and
heaven, we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:
*All Blessing and honour and glory and
power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.*

Rejoicing in God's new creation, as our
Saviour Christ has taught us— we pray:

**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.**

The president breaks the consecrated bread
Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup,
*All we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.*

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
*All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.*

The Post Communion Prayer
Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the
world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we
proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All Amen.

All say
**Father of all,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus
Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and
bodies to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

Then follows the Diocesan Prayer

Heavenly Father, we embrace your call for us to make disciples, to be witnesses and to grow leaders. Give us the eyes to see your vision, ears to hear the prompting of your Spirit and courage to follow in the footsteps of your Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Blessing Dismissal and Final Hymn

God the Father,
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.

Amen.

God the Son,
who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory,
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

Amen.

God the Holy Spirit,
who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord,
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

Amen.

And the blessing ...

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.

Hymn

Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!
to his throne above the skies; Alleluia!
Christ, the Lamb for sinners giv'n, Alleluia!
enters now the highest heav'n! Alleluia!

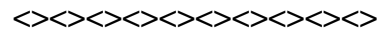
There for him high triumph waits; Alleluia!
lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluia!
He hath conquered death and sin; Alleluia!
take the King of glory in! Alleluia!

Circled round with angel-pow'rs, Alleluia!
their triumphant Lord and ours; Alleluia!
wide unfold the radiant scene, Alleluia!
take the King of Glory in! Alleluia!

Still for us he intercedes, Alleluia!
his prevailing death he pleads, Alleluia!
near himself prepares our place, Alleluia!
he the first-fruits of our race. Alleluia!

Lord, though parted from our sight, Alleluia!
far above the starry height, Alleluia!
grant our hearts may thither rise, Alleluia!
seeking thee above the skies. Alleluia!

Ever upward let us move, Alleluia!
wafted on the wings of love; Alleluia!
looking when our Lord shall come, Alleluia!
longing, sighing after home. Alleluia!



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