

**Holy Communion**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020**  
**the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**Welcome**

Welcome in the name of Christ.  
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you.  
**And also with you**

**Prayer of Preparation**

**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.**

**The Confession**

Human sin disfigures the whole creation,  
which groans with eager longing for God's  
redemption.

We confess our sin in penitence and faith.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,**  
**we have sinned against you**  
**and against our neighbour**  
**in thought and word and deed,**  
**through negligence, through weakness,**  
**through our own deliberate fault.**  
**We are truly sorry**  
**and repent of all our sins.**  
**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,**  
**who died for us,**  
**forgive us all that is past**  
**and grant that we may serve you in newness of life**  
**to the glory of your name. Amen.**

May God who loved the world so much  
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour  
forgive us our sins  
and make us holy to serve him in the world,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**The Collect**

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:  
raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which are above,  
where he reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**First Reading – Acts 2:42 – end**

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching  
and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the  
prayers.  
Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and  
signs were being done by the apostles. All who  
believed were together and had all things in  
common; they would sell their possessions and goods  
and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had  
need. Day by day, as they spent much time together  
in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their  
food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and  
having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day  
the Lord added to their number those who were being  
saved.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn**

Be still for the presence of the Lord  
The Holy One is here  
Come bow before Him now  
With reverence and fear  
In Him no sin is found  
We stand on holy ground  
Be still for the presence of the Lord  
The Holy One is here

Be still for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around  
He burns with holy fire  
With splendour He is crowned  
How awesome is the sight  
Our radiant King of light  
Be still for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around

Be still for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place  
He comes to cleanse and heal  
To minister His grace  
No work too hard for Him

In faith receive from Him  
Be still for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place

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### Gospel Reading - John 10:1-10

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Sermon

### The Creed

Let us declare our faith  
in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Christ died for our sins  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he was buried;  
he was raised to life on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
afterwards he appeared to his followers,  
and to all the apostles:  
this we have received,  
and this we believe. Amen.**

### Prayers of Intercession

### The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said:

'My Peace be with you'.

Then were they glad when they saw the risen Lord

The Peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

### Hymn

We want to see Jesus lifted high  
A banner that flies across this land  
That all men might see the truth and know  
He is the way to heaven

*We want to see we want to see  
We want to see Jesus lifted high  
We want to see we want to see  
We want to see Jesus lifted high*

Step by step we're moving forward  
Little by little taking ground  
Ev'ry prayer a powerful weapon  
Strongholds come tumbling down

*And down and down and down  
We're gonna see we're gonna see  
We're gonna see Jesus lifted high  
We're gonna see we're gonna see  
We're gonna see Jesus lifted high*

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Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,  
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;  
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All things come from you,  
and of your own do we give you.**

### The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, Lord God,  
our light and our salvation;  
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things  
and all your works echo the silent music of your  
praise.

In the fullness of time you made us in your image,  
the crown of all creation.  
You give us breath and speech, that with angels and  
archangels  
and all the powers of heaven  
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.  
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,  
you embraced a people as your own.  
When they turned away and rebelled  
your love remained steadfast.  
From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of  
Mary,  
to be the living bread,  
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.  
He offered his life for sinners,  
and with a love stronger than death  
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,  
he came to supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.  
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, and said:  
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.

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

Father, we plead with confidence  
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;  
we remember his dying and rising in glory,  
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right  
hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you  
these gifts of your creation;

may they be for us the body and blood of your dear  
Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your  
presence,  
form us in the likeness of Christ,  
and build us into a living temple to your glory.  
Bring us at the last with Cuthbert all the saints  
to the vision of that eternal splendour  
for which you have created us;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
by whom, with whom, and in whom,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of  
everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

As our Saviour taught us, so 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 our daily bread.  
Forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Breaking of the Bread**

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

Draw near with faith,  
receiving the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
which he gave for us,  
and his blood which he shed for us.  
May this be a reminder that he died for each one of  
us,  
so that we may continually feed on Him, in our hearts,  
by faith with thanksgiving.

*The Bread and Wine are received.*

## Prayers after Communion

Merciful Father,  
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,  
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:  
keep us always under his protection,  
and give us grace to follow in his steps;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Almighty God,  
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.

## The Diocesan Prayer for Vision 2026

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

The peace of God,  
which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
In the name of Christ. Amen.

## Closing Hymn

O Jesus I have promised  
to serve Thee to the end  
be Thou forever near me  
My Master and my friend  
I shall not fear the battle  
if Thou art by my side  
nor wander from the pathway  
If Thou wilt be my Guide

O Jesus Thou hast promised  
to all who follow Thee  
that where Thou art in glory  
there shall Thy servant be  
And Jesus I have promised  
to serve Thee to the end  
O give me grace to follow  
My Master and my friend

O let me see Thy footmarks  
And in them plant mine own  
My hope to follow duly  
Is in thy strength alone  
O guide me call me draw me  
Uphold me to the end  
And then in heaven receive me  
My Saviour and my friend

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