

**Fifth Sunday of Easter  
10th May 2020**

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THE EUCHARIST**

**The Greeting**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

**Hymn**

When I wake up in the morning, in my bed  
God behind, God beside, God ahead  
When I'm eating up my breakfast, bacon and  
egg  
God behind, God beside, God ahead

When I'm going on a summer holiday  
God behind, God beside, God ahead  
When I'm opening my presents, Christmas  
day  
God behind, God beside, God ahead

In the sunshine (Aaah!)  
And the rain (Aw!)  
In the laughter (Ha Ha Ha!)  
And in the pain (Ouch!)

With us in the morning, with us in the day  
With us in the evening, always, always,  
always, always.....

When it feels like you've been left out, on  
your own  
God behind, God beside, God ahead  
When there are no cards or letter, no-one  
phones  
God behind, God beside, God ahead

When you fall out with your friends, feeling  
sad  
God behind, God beside, God ahead  
When somebody in your family, drives you  
mad  
God behind, God beside, God ahead

In the sunshine (Aaah!)  
And the rain (Aw!)  
In the laughter (Ha Ha Ha!)  
And in the pain (Ouch!)  
With us in the morning, with us in the day  
With us in the evening, always, always,  
always, always.....

**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**

Almighty God,

who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ  
have overcome death and opened to us the  
gate of everlasting life:  
grant that, as by your grace going before us  
you put into our minds good desires,  
so by your continual help  
we may bring them to good effect;  
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,  
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 Helen Houston

#### **Acts 7:55-60**

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he 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.

*All Thanks be to God.*

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

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

Read by Rev'd Ann Wood

John 14:1-14

'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.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Sermon The Revd Adam Thomas**

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 Rev'd Nick Wells**

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**

The Lord's my Shepherd I'll not want  
He makes me lie in pastures green  
He leads me by the still still waters  
His goodness restores my soul

(Chorus)

And I will trust in You alone  
And I will trust in You alone  
For Your endless mercy follows me  
Your goodness will lead me home

He guides my ways in righteousness  
And He anoints my head with oil  
And my cup it overflows with joy  
I feast on His pure delights

(Chorus)

And though I walk the darkest path  
I will not fear the evil one  
For You are with me

And Your rod and staff  
Are the comfort I need to know  
(Chorus)

### **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 and led by our  
children – 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,  
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.

*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**

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Come unto me and rest;  
lay down, O weary one, lay down  
your head upon my breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
weary and worn and sad;  
I found in him a resting place,  
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Behold, I freely give  
the living water; thirsty one,  
stoop down and drink, and live."  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"I am this dark world's Light;  
look unto me, your morn shall rise,  
and all your days be bright."  
I looked to Jesus and I found  
in him my Star, my Sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk,  
'til trav'ling days are done.



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