



Fifth Sunday of Easter 10am May 2nd 2021

PREPARATION

The president says

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Opening 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, let me feel thee near me; the world is ever near;

I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;

my foes are ever near me, around me and within;

but, Jesus, draw thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

O, let me hear thee speaking, in accents clear and still, above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
O, speak to reassure me, to hasten, or control;
O, speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

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 foot-marks, 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 heav'n receive me, my Saviour and my friend.

The Greeting

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Alleluia Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Prayer of Preparation

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.

Prayers of Penitence

Introduction to confession:

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.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith

All 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.

The President says

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria

All

Glory, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; peace to his people on earth, peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Glory, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; peace to his people on earth, peace to his people on earth.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world:

Have mercy on us;

You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer, receive our prayer, receive our prayer.
You alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Lord, you alone are the most high,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory, the glory, the glory of God the Father.
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

The Collect

Silence is kept

Risen Christ,

Your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.

All Amen.

First Reading: Acts 8:26-end

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: John 15:1-8

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;

I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

All Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Revd Hilary Jones

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

At the end...

Merciful Father,

All Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Peace

The president says

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

'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

Alleluia.

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you

All and also with you. Alleluia.

Mindful of family, friends and all our neighbours both near and far we say...

All Peace be with you.

Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

Be present, be present,

Lord Jesus Christ,

our risen high priest;

make yourself known in the breaking of bread.

All Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

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.

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:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

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

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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.

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

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Jesus says, I am the bread of life, whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

All Lord, our hearts hunger for you;

give us this bread always.

Agnus Dei.

Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us your peace.

Giving of Communion

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

When I receive the bread and wine today, I do so on your behalf and even though you are unable to receive bread and wine physically, you still make your spiritual communion with Jesus, who is present through his Holy Spirit.

Post Communion Prayer

Silence is kept.

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.

Notices

Closing Hymn

All I once held dear, built my life upon, all this world reveres, and wars to own, all I once thought gain I have counted loss; spent and worthless now, compared to this.

Knowing you, Jesus, knowing you, there is no greater thing.

You're my all, you're the best, you're my joy, my righteousness, and I love you, Lord.

Now my heart's desire is to know you more, to be found in you and known as yours.

To possess by faith what I could not earn, all-surpassing gift of righteousness.

Knowing you, Jesus, knowing you,

Oh, to know the pow'r of your risen life, and to know you in your sufferings.

To become like you in your death, my Lord, so with you to live and never die.

Knowing you, Jesus, knowing you,

THE DISMISSAL

The Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

We are raised to new life with Christ. Go in his peace. Alleluia, alleluia.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.