

A service for 6th Week of Easter

Welcome and Acclamation

The glorious light and the peaceful presence of our risen Lord be with you all

Opening Prayer

God of all our days and years,
we set this time of worship apart for you.
Come afresh to us
Form us in the likeness of Christ
as we open our hearts and lives to your presence
so that our lives may glorify you.
Amen.

1st Song Alleluia , Sing to Jesus

- 1 Alleluia, sing to Jesus!
his the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluia, his the triumph,
his the victory alone:
hark, the songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood;
'Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by his blood.'

- 2 Alleluia, not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia, he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how:
though the cloud from sight received him,

when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?

- 3 Alleluia, bread of angels,
thou on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia, here the sinful
flee to you from day to day:
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.
- 4 Alleluia, King eternal,
Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia, born of Mary,
earth your footstool, heaven your throne:
As within the veil you entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
here on earth both Priest and Victim
in the eucharistic feast.

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The Confession

God of love, we are sorry
that at times our love for you falters;
that we have wrong priorities;
that we overlook your wisdom.
O God, forgive us.
O God, renew us.

Loving Saviour, we are sorry
that we disobey your commandments;
that we fail to love;
that we walk by on the other side.
O God, forgive us.
O God, renew us.

Spirit of truth, we are sorry
that we disregard your presence;
that our thoughts and feelings are grievous to you;
that we follow the world's way.
O God, forgive us.
O God, renew us.

May your presence abiding in us lead us along the right
way, in the name of Jesus.
Amen.

A conversation between Kevin & Helene

Bible Reading

I Peter.3-16-22

Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. 'Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.' ¹⁵ But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behaviour in Christ may be

ashamed of their slander. ¹⁷ For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. ¹⁹ After being made alive,^[c] he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits – ²⁰ to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, ²¹ and this water symbolises baptism that now saves you also – not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience towards God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand – with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

2nd Bible Reading - John.14.15-21

'If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you for ever – ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be^[a] in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me any more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will realise that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.'

The Sermon

Song 2

- 1 O Lord our God, how majestic is Your name,
The earth is filled with Your glory.
O Lord our God, You are robed in majesty,
You've set Your glory above the heavens.
*We will magnify, we will magnify
The Lord enthroned in Zion.
We will magnify, we will magnify
The Lord enthroned in Zion.*
- 2 O Lord our God, You have established a throne,
You reign in righteousness and splendour.
O Lord our God, the skies are ringing with Your praise,
Soon those on earth will come to worship.
Refrain
- 3 O Lord our God, the world was made at Your command,
In You all things now hold together.
Now to Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb,
Be praise and glory and power forever.
Refrain

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A prayer

As your children O God, help us to love the Lord Jesus Christ
with an undying love
Help us to obey his commands
And fill us again, we beseech you, with the presence of the Holy
Spirit.

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.**

The Collect Prayer

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.

The Intercessions and The Lord's Prayer

Let us lift up to God all who need his help today.

We pray especially for the sick and those who care for them, at home or in hospital.

We pray for the elderly the weak and vulnerable. Those living alone, those in care homes, those in sheltered accommodation or supported living accommodation,

those who have no home and those confused and fearful of the current crises.

We pray for doctors, nurses, carers and support staff across our needy land.

We pray for our local surgery, and care workers who support this community.

We pray for those who have lost their job, or their regular income, particularly those with a family to support.

We pray for young people worried about education or final grades.

We pray for our church and for our witness to our local community.

We pray for ourselves and for all whom we love wherever they live. God bless them and be with the them.

**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**

A Final Song

- 1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
and His righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.

- 2 Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God.
Allelu, alleluia.

- 3 Ask and it shall be given unto you,
seek and ye shall find;
knock and the door shall be opened up to you.
Allelu, alleluia.

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The Blessing

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ
has given us the victory,
give you joy and peace in your faith;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.