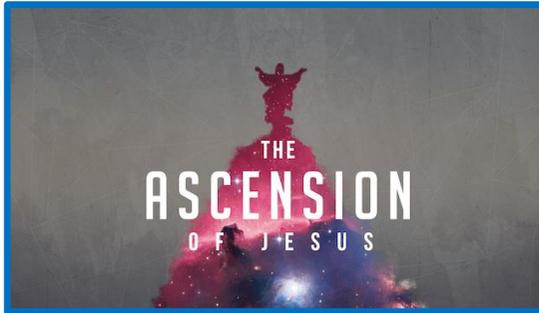


# Holy Communion



**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021 7.30pm**

## **Welcome**

Welcome in the name of Christ.

God's grace, mercy and peace be with you:

**and also with you.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

## **We light the Easter Candle, saying**

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,

banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

The light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God**

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## **Welcome**

### **Opening Prayer:**

**Lord, direct our thoughts, and teach us to pray.**

**Lift up our hearts to worship you in spirit and in**

**truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

## **Hymn:**

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,  
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;  
with gold of obedience and incense of lowliness,  
kneel and adore him the Lord is his name.

Low at his feet lay your burden of carefulness,  
high on his heart he will bear it for you,  
comfort your sorrows and answer your prayerfulness,  
guiding your steps in the way that is true.

Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness  
of the poor wealth you would count as your own;  
truth in its beauty and love in its tenderness  
these are the offerings to bring to his throne.

These, though we bring them in trembling and  
fearfulness,  
he will accept for the name that is dear;  
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,  
trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,  
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;  
with gold of obedience and incense of lowliness,  
kneel and adore him the Lord is his name.

**Confession:**

Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God.  
Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is  
evil and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Romans 6.10

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,  
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,  
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,  
and not by the power of your resurrection.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,  
as faithless and not believing.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone,  
and doubted our home in heaven.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

**Absolution:**

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. **Amen.**

## **New Testament Reading:**

**Acts 1: 4-11** *The promise of the Holy Spirit and the Ascension*

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Reading:**

**Please stand for the Gospel reading.**

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, the living one;  
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

**Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Luke 24: 44-53** *Jesus explains the Scriptures and ascends into heaven.*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon:**

**Song:**

King of kings, majesty,  
God of Heaven living in me,  
gentle Saviour, closest friend,  
strong deliverer, beginning and end,  
all within me falls at your throne.

*Your majesty, I can but bow.  
I lay my all before you now.  
In royal robes I don't deserve  
I live to serve your majesty.*

Earth and Heaven worship you,  
love eternal, faithful and true,  
who bought the nations, ransomed souls,  
brought this sinner near to your throne;  
all within me cries out in praise.

**Prayers of Intercessions:**

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father

**Accept these prayers**

**For the sake of your Son**

**Our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

### **Collect on Ascension Day:**

Risen Christ,  
you have raised our human nature to the throne of  
heaven:

help us to seek and serve you,  
that we may join you at the Father's side,  
where you reign with the Spirit in glory,  
now and for ever.

**Amen.**

### **The Peace:**

Jesus says:

'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.  
If you love me, rejoice because I am going to the  
Father'. Alleluia.

Peace be with you,  
**and also with you.**

### **Prayer at the Preparation of the Table:**

Creator of all,  
you wash away our sins,  
You give us new birth by the Spirit,  
And redeem us in the blood of Christ.  
As we celebrate the resurrection,  
Renew your gift of life within us.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

**Amen.**

**Communion:**

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

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.**

It is indeed right and good,  
our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ the King of glory.

Born of a woman,  
he came to the rescue of our human race.

Dying for us,  
he trampled death and conquered sin.

By the glory of his resurrection  
he opened the way to life eternal

and by his ascension,  
gave us the sure hope

that where he is we may also be.

Therefore the universe resounds with Easter joy  
and with choirs of angels we sing for ever to 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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus  
Christ;

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.

Jesus Christ is Lord:  
**Lord, by your cross and resurrection  
you have set us free.  
You are the Saviour of the world.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the  
whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious  
ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and  
thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours,  
almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer:**

**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:**

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.**

**Giving of Communion:**

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Body and Blood of Christ keep us in eternal life.

***Please stay in your seats and we will bring  
Communion to you.***

**Post Communion Prayer:**

**God our Father,  
you have raised our humanity in Christ  
and have fed us with the bread of heaven:  
mercifully grant that, nourished with such spiritual  
blessings,  
we may set our hearts in the heavenly places;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

**Hymn:**

All hail the power of Jesus' name!  
Let angels prostrate fall.  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
*and crown him, crown him, crown him,  
Crown him Lord of all.*

All sinners, now redeemed by grace,  
Who heard your Saviour's call,  
Now robed in light before his face,  
*and crown him, crown him, crown him,  
Crown him Lord of all.*

Let every tribe and very race,  
responsive to his call,  
to him all majesty ascribe,  
*and crown him, crown him, crown him,*  
*Crown him Lord of all.*

Let every people, every tongue  
To him their heart enthrall;  
Lift high the universal song  
*and crown him, crown him, crown him,*  
*Crown him Lord of all.*

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**  
**(1.12,13a,14)**

*Then the disciples returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying. They were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.*

**Silence**

As we wait in silence,  
**make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

As we listen to your word,  
**make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

As we worship you in majesty,  
**make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

As we long for your refreshing,  
**make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

As we long for your renewing,  
**make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

As we long for your equipping,  
**make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

As we long for your empowering,  
**make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

Today we commit ourselves to live as people not limited by our fears, but as those who are transformed by Christ – who is risen, ascended and glorified.

**Blessing:**

God the Father,

who has given to his Son the name above every name, strengthen you to proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord.

**Amen.**

God the Son,

who is our great high priest passed into the heavens, plead for you at the right hand of the Father.

**Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,

who pours out his abundant gifts upon the Church, make you faithful servants of Christ our King.

**Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen**

Waiting expectantly for the promised Holy Spirit,  
go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

