

# Holy Communion



**Sunday after Ascension Day**

**16th May 2021 10am**



Light up the world  
with prayer

Will you join us?

13th - 23rd May 2021  
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## **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.**

## **Welcome and Notices**

### **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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### **Opening Prayer:**

**Faithful one, whose word is life:**

**come with saving power**

**to free our praise, inspire our prayer**

**and shape our lives for the kingdom of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Song:**

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.

**Confession:**

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.

As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith, we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

**Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy, forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
Amen.**

**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: 1-11 Jesus taken up into heaven**

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

**John 17: 6-19 Jesus prays for his disciples**

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon:**

**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:**

O God the King of glory,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ  
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:  
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,  
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us  
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is  
gone before,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**The Peace:**

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples  
and said, 'Peace be with you.'

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

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

**Offertory Song:**

We seek your kingdom throughout every sphere,  
We long for heaven's demonstration here.  
Jesus your light shine bright for all to see,  
Transform, revive, and heal society.

Before all things, in him were all things made,  
Inspiring culture, media, and trade.  
May all our work serve your economy,  
Transform, revive, and heal society.

Peace, truth, and justice reigning everywhere,  
With us be present in our public square.  
Fill all who lead with your integrity,  
Transform, revive, and heal society.

Forgive us Lord, when we have not engaged,  
Failing to scribe your heart on history's page.  
Make us again what we were made to be,  
Transform, revive, and heal society.

Faithful to govern ever may we be,  
Selfless in service, loving constantly.  
In everything may your authority,  
Transform, revive, and heal society.

**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.**

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.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

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

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 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:**

**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.***

***We listen to our From Heaven You Came and  
In Christ Alone***

**Song:**

From heaven you came, helpless babe,  
Entered our world, your glory veiled;  
Not to be served but to serve,  
And give your life that we might live.

*This is our God, the Servant King,  
He calls us now to follow him,  
To bring our lives as a daily offering  
Of worship to the Servant King.*

There in the garden of tears,  
My heavy load he chose to bear;  
His heart with sorrow was torn,  
'Yet not my will but yours,' he said.

Come, see his hands and his feet,  
The scars that speak of sacrifice,  
Hands that flung stars into space  
To cruel nails surrendered.

So let us learn how to serve,  
And in our lives enthrone him;  
Each other's needs to prefer,

For it is Christ we're serving.

**Song:**

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save:  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied –  
For every sin on Him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine –  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand:  
Till He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

**Post Communion Prayer:**

**Eternal God, giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world,  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:  
confirm us in this mission,  
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

**We now exit into our garden  
at the front of church.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**Song:**

To God be the glory, great things He hath done,  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life our redemption to win,  
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the earth hear His voice;  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the people rejoice;  
Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory; great things He hath  
done.*

Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
To every believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath  
done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our rapture when Jesus we see.

**Closing Prayer:**

**God of our salvation,  
you have restored us to life,  
you have brought us back again into your love  
by the triumphant death and resurrection of Christ.  
Continue to heal us,  
as we go to live and work  
in the power of your Spirit,  
to your praise and glory. Amen**

**Blessing:**

The Lord bless you and watch over you,  
the Lord make his face shine upon you  
and be gracious to you,  
the Lord look kindly on you and give you peace;

And may the blessing of God Almighty,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
Rest upon us and fill us,  
now and always. **Amen**

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

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