

# A Service of the Word

## Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025 • The Fifth Sunday of Easter

**Zoom: 9.50 Session opens 9.55 Gathering Music**

### 10.00 Introduction, Greeting

In the name of the Father...

The Lord be with you:

Alleluia! Christ is risen

We have come together as the family of God...

Here are words you may trust. Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead:

**All: and also with you.**

**All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**All: he is our salvation, our eternal glory.**

**All: if we endure, we shall reign with him.**

**All: if we are faithless, he keeps faith.**

**All: and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.**

If we die with him, we shall live with him;

If we deny him, he will deny us;

For he has broken the power of death

### Collect for Purity

**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.**

### Hymn 721

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesu, thou art all compassion,  
pure unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.
2. Come, almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy grace receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above;  
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.
3. Finish then thy new creation: pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;  
Changed from glory into glory till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

### Confession

Lord, have mercy  
Christ, have mercy  
Lord, have mercy

**All: Lord, have mercy**  
**All: Christ, have mercy**  
**All: Lord, have mercy.**

### Absolution

### Gloria *(said)*

**Glory to God in the highest, and 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. 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. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### Collect for The Fifth Sunday of Easter

### A reading from the acts of the apostles

This is the word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

*Acts 11. 1-18*

### Psalm 150

**Refrain: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.**

### A reading from the book of Revelation

This is the word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

*Revelation 21. 1-6*

### Hymn 238

1. Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.
2. O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.
3. Let holy charity mine outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become mine inner clothing:  
true lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part,  
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.
4. And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
for none can guess its grace, till he become the place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

## **Gospel Reading *please stand***

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

*After ...* This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*John 13. 31-35*

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

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

## **Music for meditation**

## **Reflections on 'Love one another, as I have loved you'**

## **Affirmation of faith**

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; he was buried; he was raised to life on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures; afterwards he appeared to his followers, and to all the apostles: this we have received, and this we believe. Amen.** (cf 1 Corinthians 15. 3-7)

## **Prayers using the response:**

Lord of Love: **May your love fill our lives.**

## **Prayerful Hymn 587**

1. Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!
3. Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come:  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.
4. The Lord has promised good to me,  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.
5. Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,  
and mortal life shall cease:  
I shall possess, within the veil,  
a life of joy and peace.
6. The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,  
the sun forbear to shine;  
but God, who called me here below,  
will be forever mine.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

## **Notices**

## **Peace**

## **Hymn 221**

1. Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,  
your sweetest notes employ,  
the Paschal victory to hymn  
in strains of holy joy.
2. How Judah's Lion burst his chains,  
and crushed the serpent's head;  
and brought with him, from death's domains,  
the long-imprisoned dead.
3. From hell's devouring jaws the prey  
alone our Leader bore;  
his ransomed hosts pursue their way  
where he hath gone before.
4. Triumphant in his glory now  
his sceptre ruleth all,  
earth, heaven, and hell before him bow,  
and at his footstool fall.
5. While joyful thus his praise we sing,  
his mercy we implore,  
into his palace bright to bring  
and keep us evermore.
6. All glory to the Father be,  
all glory to the Son,  
all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,  
while endless ages run. Alleluia! Amen.

## **Blessing**

## **Acclamation**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God has claimed us as his own.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

## **Dismissal**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!!

## **Closing Music**

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**He has given us new life and hope. He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

**He has brought us out of darkness He has made us light to the world.**

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!!**

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