

*Morning Prayer*    *Easter Season* 17<sup>rd</sup> May 2020↑

*Preparation*

O Lord, open our lips

**All** and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

In your resurrection, O Christ,

**All** let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia.

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,  
to you be praise and glory for ever.

As once you ransomed your people from Egypt  
and led them to freedom in the promised land,  
so now you have delivered us from the dominion of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of your risen Son.

May we, the first fruits of your new creation,  
rejoice in this new day you have made,  
and praise you for your mighty acts.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All** Blessed be God for ever.

*This opening prayer may be said*

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept.*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for you;  
now and for ever.

**All** Amen.

**The Word of God**

## *Scripture Readings*

Acts 17: 22-31 (See newsletter for text)

**Hymn: 26** (first and last verses)

Alleluia, sing to Jesus, his the sceptre, his the throne;  
alleluia, His the triumph, his the victory alone:  
hark the songs of peaceful Sion thunder like a mighty flood:  
Jesus, out of ev'ry nation, hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia, King eternal, thee the Lord of Lords we own:  
alleluia, born of Mary, earth thy footstool, heav'n thy throne;  
thou within the veil hast entered robed in flesh, our great High Priest;  
thou on earth both priest and victim in the Eucharistic Feast...

John 14:15-21

Sermon

## *The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah)*

### **All The Lord is risen from the tomb**

**who for our sakes hung upon the tree. Alleluia.**

- 1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, ♦  
who has come to his people and set them free.**
- 2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, ♦  
born of the house of his servant David.**
- 3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old ♦  
to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us,**
- 4 To show mercy to our ancestors, ♦  
and to remember his holy covenant.**
- 5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: ♦  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,**
- 6 Free to worship him without fear, ♦  
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.**
- 7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, ♦  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,**

- 8 To give his people knowledge of salvation ♦  
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
- 9 In the tender compassion of our God ♦  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
- 10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, ♦  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

*Luke 1.68-79*

**All** Glory to the Father and to the  
Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.

**All** The Lord is risen from the tomb  
who for our sakes hung upon the tree. Alleluia.

## Prayers

Collect

**All** Almighty God,  
whose son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:  
raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which are above,  
where he reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
One God, now and for ever.

## Intercessions

*Response to* Lord, in your mercy *is* hear our prayer.

*The Lord's Prayer*

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

**All Our Father, who art in heaven ...**

### **The Conclusion**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit be amongst us, and remain with us always Amen

May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life.

**All Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

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