

Hipswell Parish

A Service of the Word

for the

Easter Season



Preparation

Jesus said, 'Receive the Spirit:
as the Father sent me, so I send you.' (*John 20: 21, 22*)
Alleluia. Thanks be to God.

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.
Let us rejoice and sing God's praise for ever.

Hymn

Opening Prayer:

Let us pray.

**Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful people,
and kindle in us the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

Jesus Christ, the Light of the world,
has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts.
In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

Confession:

Like Mary at the empty tomb,
we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Like the disciples behind locked doors,
we are afraid to be seen as your followers.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Like Thomas in the upper room,
we are slow to believe.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Absolution:

May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour,
forgive you your sins and make you holy to serve him in the world
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Readings

Talk

Profession 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 believed,

and this we believe.

Amen.

Intercessions

Hymn:

Closing prayer:

Jesus, Lord of time,

hold us in your eternity.

Jesus, image of God,

travel with us the life of faith.

Jesus, friend of sinners,

heal the brokenness of our world.

Jesus, Lord of tomorrow,

draw us into your future. Amen.

The Dismissal:

May God the Father, who so loved the world
that he gave his only Son, bring you by faith to his eternal life.

Amen.

May Christ,

who accepted the cup of sacrifice in obedience to the Father's will,
keep you steadfast as you walk with him in the way of his Cross.

Amen.

May the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us to suffer with Christ
that we may share in his glory, set your minds on life and peace.

Amen.

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

Final acclamation:

To him who is able to keep us from falling

and to present us without blemish

before the presence of his glory with rejoicing,

to the only God, our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord,

be glory, majesty, dominion and authority,

before all time and now and for ever. **Amen.**

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