

Morning Prayer

15th May - 5th of Easter

(We will be following this in our own homes at 10.30am)

Please read these words out loud, or in your heart.

Preparation

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Alleluia, Christ is risen:
He is risen indeed, alleluia!

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

Silence may be 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.
Amen.

The Word of God

First Reading: Acts 11:1-18

The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticised him ³ and said, 'You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them.'

⁴ Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story: ⁵ 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was. ⁶ I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds. ⁷ Then I heard a voice telling me, "Get up, Peter. Kill and eat."

⁸ 'I replied, "Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth."

⁹ 'The voice spoke from heaven a second time, "Do not call anything impure that God has made clean." ¹⁰ This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again.

¹¹ 'Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying. ¹² The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³ He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, "Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. ¹⁴ He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved."

¹⁵ 'As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. ¹⁶ Then I remembered what the Lord had said: "John baptised with^[a] water, but you will be baptised with^[b] the Holy Spirit." ¹⁷ So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God's way?'

¹⁸ When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, 'So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second reading: John 13:31-35

When he was gone, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

³³ 'My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: where I am going, you cannot come.

³⁴ 'A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.'

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Venite - A Song of Triumph

- 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving
and be glad in him with psalms.
- 3 For the Lord is a great God
and a great king above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the depths of the earth
and the heights of the mountains are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have moulded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us worship and bow down
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God;
we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.
- 8 O that today you would listen to his voice:
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
on that day at Massah in the wilderness,

9 'When your forebears tested me, and put me to the proof,
though they had seen my works.
10 'Forty years long I detested that generation and said,
"This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways."
11 'So I swore in my wrath,
"They shall not enter into my rest."

Psalm 95

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.

Prayers

Please offer your own prayers following these suggestions, if you wish, with the response below:

¶ for the day and its tasks
¶ for the world and its needs
¶ for the Church and her life
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Silence may be kept.

Jesus, Master Carpenter of Nazareth,
who on the cross through wood and nails worked mankind's whole salvation:
wield your tools well in this your workshop,
that we who come to you rough-shaped
may be fashioned by your hand
into a truer beauty and a greater usefulness;
for the honour of your holy name.
Amen.

Collect

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Trusting in the compassion of God,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us
"Our Father, who art in heaven ..."
The Lord's Prayer is said

The Conclusion

May the God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ,
that great Shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the everlasting covenant,
make us perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in us all that is well-pleasing in his sight.
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among us and remain with us always.
Amen.

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia.
In the name of Christ. Amen.
Alleluia, alleluia.

*Our services today take place at:
Mickley (Holy Communion) at 9.00 am;
Grewelthorpe (Methodist Service), Kirkby Malzeard (Holy Communion) and
Winksley (Holy Communion) at 10.30 am;
on-line via Zoom (Compline) at 8.30 pm.*

Everyone from across the benefice (and beyond) is welcome at all services.

*We believe the precautions we take to be adequate in keeping us safe.
Face coverings are not required in church services,
but you may like to bring one out of consideration for vulnerable people.*