



# Stratton Team Ministry

*Seeking, Sharing and Serving God  
Together*

## **Morning Worship- Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021 Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

**He is risen indeed, alleluia!**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you

**and also with you.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

### **Hymn**

**Alleluia! sing to Jesus!**

His the sceptre, his the throne.

Alleluia! His the triumph,

his the victory alone.

Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion

thunder like a mighty flood.

Jesus out of every nation

hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! not as orphans

are we left in sorrow now;

Alleluia! He is near us,

faith believes, nor questions how;

Though the cloud from sight received him

when the forty days were o'er

shall our hearts forget his promise,

'I am with you evermore'?

Alleluia! bread of heaven,

here on earth our food and stay!

Alleluia! here the sinful flee to thee from day to day.

Intercessor, Friend of sinners,

earth's Redeemer, plead for me.

Where the songs of all the sinless

sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal,  
thee the Lord of lords we own;  
Alleluia! born of Mary,  
earth thy footstool, heaven 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.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898), 1867  
Music: Hyfyrdol (Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1811-1887)

### **Prayers of Penitence**

Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.  
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil  
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

*cf 1 Corinthians 5.7,8*

**Lord God,**  
**we have sinned against you;**  
**we have done evil in your sight.**  
**We are sorry and repent.**  
**Have mercy on us according to your love.**  
**Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.**  
**Renew a right spirit within us**  
**and restore to us the joy of your salvation;**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the Father of all mercies  
cleanse us from our sins,  
and restore us in his image  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **Collect**

Risen Christ,  
your wounds declare your love for the world  
and the wonder of your risen life:  
give us compassion and courage  
to risk ourselves for those we serve,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**Amen.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

**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.**

## **Acts 8: 26-40**

<sup>26</sup> An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get ready and go south to the road that goes from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This road is not used nowadays.) <sup>27-28</sup> So Philip got ready and went. Now an Ethiopian eunuch, who was an important official in charge of the treasury of the queen of Ethiopia, was on his way home. He had been to Jerusalem to worship God and was going back home in his carriage. As he rode along, he was reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup> The Holy Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to that carriage and stay close to it." <sup>30</sup> Philip ran over and heard him reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah. He asked him, "Do you understand what you are reading?"

<sup>31</sup> The official replied, "How can I understand unless someone explains it to me?" And he invited Philip to climb up and sit in the carriage with him. <sup>32</sup> The passage of scripture which he was reading was this:

"He was like a sheep that is taken to be slaughtered,  
like a lamb that makes no sound when its wool is cut off.  
He did not say a word.

<sup>33</sup> He was humiliated, and justice was denied him.  
No one will be able to tell about his descendants,  
because his life on earth has come to an end."

<sup>34</sup> The official asked Philip, “Tell me, of whom is the prophet saying this? Of himself or of someone else?” <sup>35</sup> Then Philip began to speak; starting from this passage of scripture, he told him the Good News about Jesus. <sup>36</sup> As they traveled down the road, they came to a place where there was some water, and the official said, “Here is some water. What is to keep me from being baptized?” <sup>37</sup> Philip said to him, “You may be baptized if you believe with all your heart.” “I do,” he answered; “I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.”

<sup>38</sup> The official ordered the carriage to stop, and both Philip and the official went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup> When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord took Philip away. The official did not see him again, but continued on his way, full of joy. <sup>40</sup> Philip found himself in Azotus; he went on to Caesarea, and on the way he preached the Good News in every town.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## **Psalm 22: 22-31**

<sup>25</sup> In the full assembly I will praise you for what you have done;  
in the presence of those who worship you  
I will offer the sacrifices I promised.

<sup>26</sup> The poor will eat as much as they want;  
those who come to the Lord will praise him.  
May they prosper forever!

<sup>27</sup> All nations will remember the Lord.  
From every part of the world they will turn to him;  
all races will worship him.

<sup>28</sup> The Lord is king,  
and he rules the nations.

<sup>29</sup> All proud people will bow down to him;  
all mortals will bow down before him.

<sup>30</sup> Future generations will serve him;  
they will speak of the Lord to the coming generation.

<sup>31</sup> People not yet born will be told:  
“The Lord saved his people.”

**Glory to the Father  
and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit  
as it was in the beginning  
is now and shall be forever,  
Amen**

## John 15: 1-8

**15** “I am the real vine, and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup>He breaks off every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and he prunes every branch that does bear fruit, so that it will be clean and bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have been made clean already by the teaching I have given you. <sup>4</sup>Remain united to me, and I will remain united to you. A branch cannot bear fruit by itself; it can do so only if it remains in the vine. In the same way you cannot bear fruit unless you remain in me.

<sup>5</sup>“I am the vine, and you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will bear much fruit; for you can do nothing without me. <sup>6</sup>Those who do not remain in me are thrown out like a branch and dry up; such branches are gathered up and thrown into the fire, where they are burned. <sup>7</sup>If you remain in me and my words remain in you, then you will ask for anything you wish, and you shall have it. <sup>8</sup>My Father's glory is shown by your bearing much fruit; and in this way you become my disciples.

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### **Sermon**

#### **You are the vine**

We are the branches

Keep us abiding in You

You are the vine

We are the branches

Keep us abiding in You

And we'll go and we'll go

In Your love in Your love

And we'll go and we'll go

In Your name in Your name

That the world, that the world

Will surely know, will surely know

That You have power to heal and to save

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## **The Creed**

**We believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

## Hymn

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;**

to his feet your tribute bring.

Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
evermore his praises sing.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favour  
to his people in distress.

Praise him, still the same as ever,  
slow to chide, and swift to bless.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glorious in his faithfulness!

Fatherlike he tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame he knows.

In his hand he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Widely yet his mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore him;  
you behold him face to face.

Sun and moon, bow down before him,  
dwellers all in time and space.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise with us the God of grace!

Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)

## Blessing

The God of peace,

who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,

that great shepherd of the sheep,

through the blood of the eternal covenant,

make you perfect in every good work to do his will,

working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;

and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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