

Home Liturgy for 5th Sunday of Easter 2022



Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. (1 Corinthians 13:4-8)

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Faithful one, whose word is life:
come with saving power
to free our praise,
inspire our prayer
and shape our lives
for the kingdom of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Hymn: [Come down O love divine](#)

The Confession

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.

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

The Words of Forgiveness

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

The 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**

Reading: [Acts 11:1-11](#)

Reading: [John 13:31-35](#)

Hymn: [A new commandment](#)

Reflection: *Rev Caroline Raby*

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Hymn: [O Lord Your Tenderness](#)

Intercessions: *Margaret and Albert Rusling*

Brothers and Sisters let us pray to our loving Father in heaven, through Jesus Christ our intercessor, and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

We have been given a new commandment by Jesus to love one another as much as He loves us. If we do this, we will become His true disciples and show the world that God's word is absolute truth.

Loving Father - we pray that You will show us how to love Your creation; how to care for the world around us; each doing our own small part. We pray that, united, we may save the hurting planet and improve the living conditions for humans, animals and all nature so that Your world may be enjoyed by future generations.

Lord in Your mercy

Hear our prayer

Loving Father - You sent Peter a vision that Your salvation is for ALL believers regardless of class, gender, colour, tradition or creed. We pray that You will help us to love everyone selflessly. Strengthen us to love others by helping when it is not always convenient to do so.

Help us to respond and give in love even when it "hurts" us.

Help us to use and devote our energy in love to others' welfare rather to our own.

Help us to absorb hurt from others in love, without complaining or fighting back.

Help us to love as Jesus loves and to know that LOVE IS ACTION FOR OTHERS.

Lord in Your mercy

Hear our prayer

Loving Father - we pray that Your love will be in the heart of the leaders of all nations---turning and softening hearts of stone that they may come to realise that they must govern with integrity, justice, humility and wisdom; not with hatred or selfishness for their own power and gratification.

We pray that the war in Ukraine will come to an end and that President Putin will hear Your voice and cease the fighting.

We pray that peace will reign in all warring countries and that people will be able to begin to rebuild their lives and homes in peaceful surroundings.

Lord in Your mercy

Hear our prayer

Loving Father - we pray that Your loving Presence will surround all who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit. May they feel Your love through those who care for them, tending to all their individual needs.

We pray that all who are involved in the healing process will feel that they are loved by You and are doing Your work.

Lord in Your mercy

Hear our prayer

Loving Father - we bring to mind those who have passed through this life and ask that You will receive them for eternity in Your love and protection.

We pray that those who are bereaved will find solace in Your loving arms.

Lord in Your mercy

Hear our prayer

Loving Father - help us to remember that Love is patient, not arrogant nor boastful. Love bears all things. Love is eternal.

Merciful Loving Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of Your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:
**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: [Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken](#)

Closing Prayer

God of compassion,
through your Son Jesus Christ
you have reconciled your people to yourself.
As we follow His example of prayer and fasting,
may we obey you with willing hearts
and serve one another in holy love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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Hymn Choice – Margaret Greenslade

Next Sunday – 22nd May

9.30am	Holy Communion – West Down
11.00am	Morning Worship - Heanton
6.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP) – Marwood