

Prayer on a Page + hymn

5th Sunday of Easter

2nd May 2021

¶ Preparation

Alleluia: Christ is risen:
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Almighty God,
your Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence.
Give us new hearts and constant wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymn

- 1 Alleluia, Alleluia!
hearts to heaven and voices raise;
sing to God a hymn of gladness,
sing to God a hymn of praise:
he who on the Cross a victim
for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ the King of glory,
now is risen from the dead.
- 2 Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits
of the holy harvest field,
which will all its full abundance
at his second coming yield;
then the golden ears of harvest
will their heads before him wave,
ripened by his glorious sunshine,
from the furrows of the grave.
- 3 Christ is risen, we are risen;
shed upon us heavenly grace,
rain and dew, and gleams of glory
from the brightness of thy face;
that we, with our hearts in heaven,
here on earth may fruitful be,
and by angel-hands be gathered,
and be ever, Lord, with thee.
- 4 Alleluia, Alleluia,
glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Saviour,
who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit,
fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluia, Alleluia,
to the Triune Majesty.

Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885)

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.

¶ Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Acts 8:26-end

Psalm 22:25-end

Gospel Reading: John 15.1-8

Time for Reflection

Acclamation

The Father has delivered us from the
dominion of darkness,
and transferred us to the kingdom
of his beloved Son;
In whom we have redemption,
the forgiveness of our sins.

All things were created through him
and for him,
he is before all things
and in him all things hold together.

He is the head of the body, the Church,
he is the beginning,
the firstborn from the dead.
In him all the fullness of God
was pleased to dwell;
and through him God was pleased
to reconcile all things.

Penitence

Jesus Christ,
risen Master and triumphant Lord,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,
and confess to you our weakness and
unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,
and not by the power of your resurrection.
In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
as faithless and not believing.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone,
and doubted our home in heaven.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

May the God of love and power
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

Intercession

O God, the creator and preserver of all,
we pray for people in every kind of need ...
Make your ways known on earth,
your saving health among all nations.

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

We pray for the good estate of the catholic
Church ...

Guide and govern us by your good Spirit,
that all who profess and call themselves
Christians may be led into the way of truth,
and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond
of peace and in righteousness of life.

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

We commend to your fatherly goodness
all those who are any ways afflicted or
distressed, in mind, body or estate ...
Comfort and relieve them in their need,
give them patience in their sufferings,
and bring good out of all their afflictions.

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

We remember those who have gone before
us in the peace of Christ ...
and we give you praise for all your faithful
ones, with whom we rejoice in the
communion of saints.

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

¶ Conclusion

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth,
and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.