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Loop Special – Sunday 24 May 2020 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS: Ps 68.1-10 - Acts 1.6-14 - John 17.1-11

Printed in full for you with the Reflection – visit the News page on our website (see above)

Collect

**Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power
and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness
and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

DO YOU HAVE WHATSAPP?

If you do, Hannah would love to hear from you!
We are hoping to produce a **special video for Trinity Sunday**, involving people from across the Loop. **Please email Hannah this week**, if you have WhatsApp and would like to take part. It would just involve you in recording a short clip and sending it to Hannah. Watch this space!

Our Collects

For those of you who may have noticed our Collects sometimes differ, you're right! Each Sunday we are offered two – one is THE Collect, and the other is like this one, an additional prayer expressed in a more contemporary way. Both are authorised for use.

This Sunday is also known as the Sunday after Ascension

It was lovely to share Ascension Day (Thursday) with so many of you at 3 pm – with cake (after worship!) We now enter a time of waiting. Jesus told the disciples to go and wait for the gift he had promised them, so they went back to the upper room in Jerusalem in great joy, they blessed God and they waited. Now we wait with them, for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, which we'll celebrate next weekend, on Sunday 31 May. And while we wait, we are able to share in the worldwide season of prayer known as *Thy Kingdom Come*. There are resources on the website for you to pray with. On Monday 25th, you can share in **24/7 prayer** between 7 am and 10 pm, as Severn Loop joins with All Souls Anglican Church in Sandringham, Melbourne, Aus. They will be taking over through the hours of our night and the link is possible because this is the church of Philippa's brother Martyn. Please contact Philippa if you can take part and commit to praying at home for any part of our share of the day: **01939 291352**. It's not too late!

Sunday Worship

THE EUCHARIST is offered at 8 am and 10.30 am. Please join us in spirit at home if you would like to (see Spiritual Communion on the website.)

PYJAMA CHURCH 9.30 am Sunday – live streamed! – see <http://www.trinitychurches.org> or get in touch with Hannah who is our key link for more info. You will catch familiar faces taking part!

SUNDAY AT SIX 6 pm Sunday – Zoom in the Loop – Evening Prayer and catch up! Sending the link you need much closer to time seemed to solve the problems with connecting. So we'll do that from now on. Please let Peter, Mary-Lou or Hannah know by email by lunchtime on Sunday, if you'd like to receive the invitation link. **If you have joined us before, you will already be on our list** of regulars, but we definitely don't want this to be a closed group. All are welcome – it's relatively easy if you have a laptop, smartphone or pc with a webcam and audio.

SHARING THE LIGHT IN THE LOOP phone in worship **01743 298285**. Do spread the word to anyone you think might be glad to enjoy this chance to worship with friends from across the Loop.

COMPLINE each night at 9 pm
Through Thy Kingdom Come!
Live through the diocesan website:
www.lichfield.anglican.org



The Funeral of Mr David Evans, of Bicton

Dave's funeral takes place at Emstrey on **Friday 29 May at 5 pm**. As you may already be aware, the number permitted to attend is very small indeed. Olive has very graciously given permission for the live-link to be shared so that their friends from Holy Trinity and the village are able to access the live streaming of the service, which Hannah will be taking. **Please let Mary-Lou or Hannah know if you would like to receive the link next week.** We will also be able to make available a new resource, a **Simple Reflection**, to be used at home – a way perhaps of marking the time David's funeral takes place, for anyone would have been there under any other circumstances. Just let us know if you would like to receive this too.



Our Virtual Blessings Jar ...

A red kite circling over the house

Hearing the swallows sing

Bees buzzing in the honeysuckle

Seeing a horse chestnut tree in blossom via a film on the internet

For Our Prayers this week

During Thy Kingdom Come, we are invited to pray each day for five people, that they may come to know and love Jesus. Who might you pray for?

Some Hymns for Ascensiontide

Hail the day that sees him rise,
Alleluia! ...

The head that once was crowned with
thorns ...

Crown Him with many crowns ...

Alleluia, sing to Jesus ...

At the name of Jesus ...

Jesus is Lord! ...

*Which is your favourite?
And can you sing the next line?
How far can you get without
looking it up ...?!*

Sometimes when we can't find the words
to pray, a hymn may say it all.

**The blessing of our risen and ascended Lord
be with you today and always.**

Mary-Lou

Come follow Christ  in the footsteps of St Chad
Know the Story *Share* the Story *Live* the Story