

Order of Service for Easter 6. Sunday 17th May 2020

Gathering

Let us worship God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

This is the day that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice and be glad in it.

**Lord, direct our thoughts, and teach us to pray.
Lift up our hearts to worship you in spirit and in
truth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Collect

**Risen Christ,
By the lakeside you renewed
your call to your disciples:
Help your Church to obey your command
And draw the nations to the fire of your love,
To the glory of God the Father.**

Confession

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins.
For turning away from you, and ignoring your will for our lives;
Father, forgive us:

Save us and help us.

For behaving just as we wish, without thinking of you;
Father, forgive us:

Save us and help us.

For failing you by what we do and think and say;
Father, forgive us:

Save us and help us.

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you
by temptations in the world about us;
Father, forgive us:

Save us and help us.

For living as if we were ashamed to belong to your Son;
Father, forgive us:

Save us and help us.

Blessed is the Lord
For he has heard the voice of our prayer;
Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy
And in our song we will praise our God.

Readings

1 Peter 3:13-22

John 14: 15-21

Reflection from Archdeacon Hilary

Affirmation of faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?
We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?
We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Amen.

Intercessions

Lord God, through your grace we are your people:
through your Son you have redeemed us;
in your Spirit you have made us your own.

This morning we pray for our country, community and ourselves in our own words, sent in for this service by our community.

Lord we thank you that we live in beautiful countryside and pray for those confined in bed sit's and high rise flats unable to get out for enjoyable exercise.

We pray for those who are suffering with the Covid virus, but give thanks for the many more of those who have recovered or are recovering.

Dear Lord, we lift to you those students who are sitting exams remotely over the next few weeks, and ask that you will be with them, that the technology will not fail them, and that they manage to concentrate and sit the exam in their individual surroundings

Heavenly Father, please be with all who live alone and bring them comfort, and please provide ways and people to stop by and chat by the open window or garden gate, keeping our 2 metre distances.

Dear Father in heaven, please watch over our open spaces, beaches, parks, town centres, and protect all who go out this weekend in the lovely weather. May there be enough space for everyone to enjoy the outdoors and to stay safe. And we ask that all of our Key workers will have the time to enjoy time outside too.

We give you thanks for those who inspire us with good works, uplift us with their care and concern, and ask that in these days of quiet isolation, you will draw close.

And raise up your Church
to be your well-washed hands and faithful feet
to be present to the pain
to respond with love in action
if even from a safe distance.

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is
in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

**As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
The power, and the glory
For ever and ever.
Amen.**

Conclusion

Let us bless the Lord:
thanks be to God.

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours,
here and everywhere,
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen

May the blessing of God almighty,
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
Be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.