

Sunday Morning Worship

5th Sunday of EASTER

Bluebell Sunday

2 May 2021



Welcome

○ God, make speed to save us.

○ **Lord, make haste to help us.**

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord
and renew the face of the earth

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives Thy service find,
in deeper reverence praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them without a word
rise up and follow Thee.

○ Sabbath rest by Galilee!
○ calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with Thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!

Drop Thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of Thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and Thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
○ still small voice of calm.

Penitence

**Creator God, maker of heaven and earth,
We acknowledge our failure to live responsibly
as part of your creation.**

**We have taken what we want,
without considering the consequences;
we have wasted and discarded,
without thought for the future.**

**Open our hearts and minds to the signs of our times,
to the groaning of creation,
so that we may turn from our greed and lack of vi-
sion and see a world being made anew in Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen**

Absolution

Prayer for the Day

Glorious God,
The whole of creation proclaims your marvellous work:
Increase in us a capacity to wonder and delight in it,
That heaven's praise may echo in our hearts
And our lives be spent as good stewards of the earth,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading *1 John 4: 16b -21*

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God,' and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Hymn

Let all the world in every corner sing,
my God and King!

The heavens are not too high,
his praise may thither fly:
the earth is not too low,
his praises there may grow.

Let all the world in every corner sing,
my God and King!

Let all the world in every corner sing,
my God and King!

the Church with psalms must shout,
no door can keep them out;
but above all the heart
must bear the longest part.

Let all the world in every corner sing,
my God and King!

Gospel Reading *John 15.1-8*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Address Rev'd Jan Nobel, Diocesan Green Ambassador

Presentation of Awards

Let us stand to affirm our commitment to care actively for God's creation.

**Lord of life and giver of hope,
we pledge ourselves to care for creation,
to reduce our waste,
to live sustainably,
and to value the rich diversity of life.
May your wisdom guide us,
that life in all its forms may flourish,
and may be faithful in voicing creation's praise.
May the commitment we have made this day be
matched by our faithful living.**

Amen. Amen. Amen

Hymn

God, the maker of the heavens,
and the planet that we share,
show us how to live, like Jesus,
lives of gratitude and care.
Make us mindful of the footprints
from the lives that we pursue.
Make us partners in your mission:
you are making all things new.

God, the gardener of Eden,
teach us how to tend this earth,
learning from the changing seasons,
times of fallow and new birth.
Lord have mercy when we're careless,
rich resources we misuse.
Use our hands to heal creation:
you are making all things new.

God of labour and vocation,
Lord of science, trade and art,
take our efforts and our passions
make them mirrors of your heart.
Every habitat and creature
loved and valued, God, by you.
May our lives reveal your Kingdom:
you are making all things new.

Prayers - including

Creator God, giver of life,
You sustain the earth and direct the nations.
In this time of climate crisis
grant us clarity to hear
the groaning of creation and the cries of the poor;
challenge us to change our lifestyles;
guide our leaders to take courageous action;
enable your church to be a beacon of hope;
and foster within us a renewed vision
of your purposes for your world;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
by and for w

The Lord's Prayer



Hymn

God, our Creator, hear us sing in praise.
God, always tender, God who knows our ways.
God, always present, God who really cares.
We offer thanks for all the love you share.
We sing in praise for the great gifts you give;
All of creation, ev'rything that lives,
glories of nature, our own time on earth,
sending your Son among us proves our worth.

*Loud is our praise as we sing of you,
One with people of faith, ancient and new.
Bless us afresh with your grace, we pray.
Help us witness your love today.*

Thanks for the blessings of the talents, skills,
Fam'lies and friendships by which lives are filled
Thanks for the graces, gifts you spread so wide:
those that the world sees and those deep inside.
Even in hard times we can praise your name.
You're always with us, loving just the same. '
Sickness or sorrow, loneliness or doubt,
help us remember your hand reaches out.

*Loud is our praise as we sing of you,
One with people of faith, ancient and new.
Bless us afresh with your grace, we pray.
Help us witness your love today.*

Gathered together, sister, brothers all,
baptised in Jesus, faithful to your call.
We are one fam'ly, may your will be done
and, for all people, may your Kingdom come.
God who is love', you are our Father true;
Jesus, our brother, fully human too;
Spirit, your presence, with us ev'ry day;
love is your essence, love our truest way

Notices

Blessing

May God the Holy Spirit,
who hovered over the waters of creation
and formed the world from chaos,
form you in the likeness of Christ and renew the face of the
earth. **Amen**

Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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