

# Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday after Ascension Day

16 May 2021

## Welcome

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**



## Hymn

Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!  
to his throne above the skies. Alleluia!  
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, Alleluia!  
enters now the highest heaven. Alleluia!

There for him high triumph waits; Alleluia!  
lift your heads, eternal gates. Alleluia!  
He has conquered death and sin; Alleluia!  
take the King of glory in. Alleluia!

Still for us he intercedes, Alleluia!  
his prevailing death he pleads, Alleluia!  
near himself prepares our place, Alleluia!  
he the first fruits of our race. Alleluia!

Lord, though parted from our sight, Alleluia!  
far above the starry height, Alleluia!  
grant our hearts may thither rise, Alleluia!  
seeking thee above the skies. Alleluia!

## Collect for Purity

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleans the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Penitence

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.**

## Absolution

## Prayer for the Day

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

## First Reading Acts 1.15-17, 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people). He said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus – for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us – one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

## Hymn

Rejoice! the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore; mortals, give thanks and sing; and triumph evermore: lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice.	His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven; the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given: Lift up your heart, etc.
Jesus, the Saviour, reigns, the God of truth and love; when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above: Lift up your heart, etc.	He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit, and bow to his command, and fall beneath his feet: Lift up your heart, etc.

**Gospel Reading John 17: 6 - 19** Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: 'Father, I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming

to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

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**The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God**, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ**, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit**, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. **Amen.**

**Hymn (Sung twice)**

You Are The King Of Glory  
 You Are The Prince Of Peace  
 You Are The Lord Of Heaven And Earth  
 You Are The Son Of Righteousness  
 Angels Bow Down Before You  
 They Worship And Adore You  
 For You Have The Words Of Eternal Life  
 You Are Jesus Christ The Lord  
 Hosanna To The Son Of David  
 Hosanna To The King Of Kings  
 Glory In The Highest Heavens  
 Jesus The Messiah Reigns

**Prayers & The Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn**

Our eyes have seen the glory  
 of our Saviour, Christ the Lord;  
 He is seated at His Father's side  
 in love and full accord;  
 from there upon the sons of men  
 His Spirit is out-poured,  
 all hail, ascended King!  
*Glory, glory hallelujah,  
 glory, glory hallelujah,  
 glory, glory hallelujah,  
 all hail ascended King!*

He came to earth at Christmas  
 and was made a man like us;  
 He taught, He healed, He suffered –  
 and they nailed Him to the cross;  
 He rose again on Easter Day –  
 our Lord victorious,  
 all hail, ascended King!  
*Glory, glory ..*

The good news of His kingdom  
 must be preached to every shore,  
 the news of peace and pardon,  
 and the end of strife and war;  
 the secret of His kingdom  
 is to serve Him evermore,  
 all hail, ascended King!  
*Glory, glory ..*

His kingdom is a family  
 of men of every race,  
 they live their lives in harmony,  
 enabled by His grace;  
 they follow His example  
 till they see Him face to face,  
 all hail, ascended King!  
*Glory, glory ..*



**Banns & Notices**

**Blessing**

**Dismissal**

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

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