

A Service of the Word • Sunday 5th May 2024 • The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Zoom: 9.50 Session opens 9.55 Gathering Music

10.00 Introduction, Greeting

In the name of the Father...

The Lord be with you:

Alleluia! Christ is risen

We have come together as the family of God...

Here are words you may trust. Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead:

All: and also with you.

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

All: he is our salvation, our eternal glory.

All: if we endure, we shall reign with him.

All: if we are faithless, he keeps faith.

All: and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse 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.

Hymn 366

1. Living God, your word has called us, summoned us to live by grace,
make us one in hope and vision, as we gather in this place.
Take our searching, take our praising, take the silence of our prayer,
offered up in joyful worship, springing from the love we share.

2. Living God, your love has called us
in the name of Christ your Son,
forming us to be his body,
by your Spirit making one.
Working, laughing, learning, growing,
old and young and black and white,
gifts and skills together sharing, in your service all unite.

3. Living God, your hope has called us
to the world that you have made,
teaching us to live for others,
humble, joyful, unafraid.
Give us eyes to see your presence,
joy in laughter, hope in pain.
In our loving, in our living, give us strength that Christ may reign.

Confession

Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

All: Lord, have mercy

All: Christ, have mercy

All: Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

Peruvian Gloria (words may vary)

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.

To God be glory for ever!

Alleluia, amen.

Repeat with: Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father.

Repeat with: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.

All: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.

All: To God be glory for ever!

All: Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen.

Collect for The Sixth Sunday of Easter

A reading from the book Genesis

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Genesis 27. 41-45

Psalm 139. 19-24

Refrain: Search me out, O God, and know my heart.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Romans 12. 1-21

Hymn 388

1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your holy word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness,
that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us all your purposes for your glory.

2. Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
in the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
let their truth prevail over unbelief.

3. Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises,
and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till your Church is built
and the earth is filled with your glory.

Gospel Reading please stand

Choir: Alleluia! (x4)

Alleluia, alleluia. I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;

I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

After ... This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All sing: Alleluia! (x4)

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All: Glory to you, O Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Matthew 5. 43-47

Choir Anthem for meditation *Greater Love (Ireland)*

Homily *The Vicar*

Affirmation of faith

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; he was buried; he was raised to life on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures; afterwards he appeared to his followers, and to all the apostles: this we have received, and this we believe. Amen. *(cf 1 Corinthians 15. 3-7)*

Prayers *using the response:*

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Prayerful Hymn 717

1. Lord, make us servants of your peace:
where there is hate, may we sow love;
where there is hurt, may we forgive;
where there is strife, may we make one.
2. Where all is doubt, may we sow faith;
where all is gloom, may we sow hope;
where all is night, may we sow light;
where all is tears, may we sow joy.
3. Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek
to be consoled, but to console,
nor look to understanding hearts,
but look for hearts to understand.
4. May we not look for love's return,
but seek to love unselfishly,
for in our giving we receive,
and in forgiving are forgiven.
5. Dying, we live, and are reborn through death's dark night to endless day;
Lord, make us servants of your peace, to wake at last in heaven's light.

The Lord's Prayer

Notices

Peace

Song 'This is amazing grace' A 'praiseful' hymn with children's instruments

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness? Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of glory, the King above all kings.
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder? And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of glory, the King above all kings.

Chorus

*This is amazing grace
this is unfailing love
that you would take my place
that you would bear my cross.
You laid down your life,
that I would be set free
Oh, Jesus, I sing for
all that you've done for me.*

Who brings our chaos back into order? Who makes the orphans a son and daughter?
The King of glory, the King of glory.

Who rules the nations with truth and justice? Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The King of glory, the King above all kings.

Chorus

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain; worthy is the King who conquered the grave x 3
Worthy, worthy, worthy.

Chorus

Blessing

Acclamation

Alleluia. Christ is risen. **All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: He has given us new life and hope. He has raised Jesus from the dead.

God has claimed us as his own.

All: He has brought us out of darkness. He has made us light to the world.

Alleluia. Christ is risen. **All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!!

Closing Music

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