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For the wonder of who I am, I praise you:
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The 5th Sunday of Easter!



As we Gather

This is the day which the Lord has made

All We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Alleluia Christ is risen,

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Peace be with you.

All And also with you.

Prayer

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

Confession

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord, we are sorry for our sin and we confess to you now our individual and corporate weakness and unbelief. When we have lived by our own strength and not by the power of your resurrection. In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, save us and help us.

When we have lived by the light of our own eyes, as faithless and not believing. In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, save us and help us.

When we have lived for this world alone and doubted our home in heaven. In your mercy, forgive us.

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The Collect

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

The Gospel...

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

All Alleluia.

He has defeated the powers of death.

All Alleluia.

Jesus turns our sorrow into dancing.

All Alleluia.

He has the words of eternal life.

All Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

All Glory to you, O Lord.

John 14:1-14

14 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.
2 In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. 4 And you know the way to the place where I am going.' 5 Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' 6 Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.' 8 Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.'

John 14:1-14 cont...

⁹ Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon



Our Faith

I ask you to make the profession of Christian faith into which you were baptized, and in which you live and grow.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, who made the world?

All I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ, who redeemed humanity?

All I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God?

All I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

All This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen

Intercession

Tom leads us in our intercession

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among
his disciples and said, 'peace be with you.'
When they saw it was the Lord they were filled with joy!
Alleluia

The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you

Perhaps you might share God's peace on Facebook, text or email

Before the throne above 1/3

Before the throne of God above

I have a strong a perfect plea

A great High Priest whose name is Love

Who ever lives and pleads for me

My name is graven on His hands

My name is written on His heart

I know that while in heaven He stands

No tongue can bid me thence depart

Before the throne above 2/3

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin
Because the sinless Saviour died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me

Before the throne above 3/3

Behold Him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless Righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Saviour and my God

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here:

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts:

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God:

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is always right to give you thanks, God our Creator,
loving and faithful, holy and strong.

You made us and the whole universe, and filled your world with life.

Holy, Holy, HOLY

The Eucharistic Prayer

You sent your Son to live among us, Jesus our Saviour,
Mary's child. He suffered on the cross; he died to save
us from our sins; he rose in glory from the dead.

Holy, Holy, HOLY

You send your Spirit to bring new life to the world,
and clothe us with power from on high.

And so we join the angels to celebrate and say:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Father, on the night before he died, Jesus shared a meal with his friends. He took the bread, and thanked you. He broke it, and gave it to them, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine. He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you. This is my blood, the new promise of God's unfailing love. Do this to remember me.

Jesus Christ has died. Jesus Christ is risen. Jesus Christ will come again.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Father, as we bring this bread and wine, and remember his death and resurrection, send your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Amen, Amen, AMEN.

Pour your Spirit on us that we may love one another, work for the healing of the earth, and share the good news of Jesus, as we wait for his coming in glory.

Amen, Amen, AMEN.

For honour and praise belong to you, Father, with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit: one God, for ever and ever.

Amen, Amen, AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

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 that 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.

The Communion

David breaks the bread: Jesus is the bread of life. Whoever eats this bread lives forever.

Kathy replies: Lord, our hearts hunger for you; give us this bread always.

Once Kathy has received Holy Communion she says,

I receive the body of Christ on behalf of my sisters and brothers of the Parishes of Tidenham, St Briavels, Hewelsfield and Brockweir, together with all those in the Wye Valley and further afield who cannot receive the sacrament of Holy Communion today. May it be to me, and to them, healing, wholeness and salvation.

You are invited to make your spiritual communion

Making Spiritual Communion at Home

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

after the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your disciples, 'I am with you always'. Be with me today, as I offer myself to you. Hear my prayers for others and for myself, and keep me in your care. Amen.

O God, help me to trust you, help me to know that you are with me, help me to believe that nothing can separate me from your love revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Prayer

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing and Dismissal

Alleluia Christ is risen,

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

David gives the blessing

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

All my Days 1/3

All my days

I will sing this song of gladness

Give my praise

To the Fountain of delights

For in my helplessness You heard my cry

And waves of mercy poured down on my life

All my Days 2/3

**I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer
I will sing of the blood that never fails
Of sins forgiven. Of conscience cleansed
Of death defeated and life without end.**

**Beautiful Saviour Wonderful Counsellor
Clothed in majesty Lord of history
You're the Way the Truth the Life
Star of the Morning glorious in holiness
You're the Risen One heaven's Champion
And You reign You reign over all**

All my Days 3/3

**I long to be where the praise is never ending
Yearn to dwell where the glory never fades
Where countless worshippers will share one song
And cries of worthy will honour the Lamb**

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