

SUGGESTED ORDER OF SERVICE for 6th Sunday of Easter 17th May 2020

Here are some ideas and suggested links for you to craft your own order of service to frame the recorded message provided on the church YouTube channel for today. It includes options on songs, liturgy and a suggested form of intercessions, as well as the readings for the day.

OPENING SENTENCES (from Psalm 66 - included on the recorded message)

Shout for joy to God, all the earth!

All Sing the glory of his name; make his name glorious.

Say to God 'how awesome are your deeds!.

So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you!'

All Sing the glory of his name.

All the earth bows before you;

They sing praise to you, they sing the praises of your name

All make his name glorious

Come and see what God has done,

His awesome deeds among mortals!

All Sing the glory of his name; make his name glorious.

SONG(S) OF PRAISE

Praise my soul the King of heaven <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GyRIVbdsi4c>

Ten thousand reasons https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DXDGE_IRIOE

CONFESSION

*We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden,
to ask for his forgiveness and peace*

Almighty God, long-suffering and of great goodness:

I confess to you, I confess with my whole heart

my neglect and forgetfulness of your commandments,

my wrong doing, thinking, and speaking;

the hurts I have done to others,

and the good I have left undone.

O God, forgive me, for I have sinned against you;

and raise me to newness of life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

May the God of love and power forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit, and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

READINGS Acts 17:22-31

John 14:15-21

SERMON – Revd Janice Hamilton has recorded a message for today based on the readings which you can watch here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=296TIZwR4aU>

SONGS FOR REFLECTION & WORSHIP

When the Music fades	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k7OR3W-as38
Turn your eyes upon Jesus	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s6nYNJX97z0
Facedown	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AIV63eo3NRg
I heard the voice of Jesus say	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B1tY90ODx0Q

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

You may like to use this song as an alternative affirmation of faith

Our Father everlasting (The Creed) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VRZl_FbWTkg

Or use these words:

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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Take some time here for personal prayers and intercessions. You may like to use the Godspell song Day by day or use the following words:

Jesus, light of the world, bring the light and peace of your gospel to the nations. In our own diocese we pray for our Bishops, Rachel and Robert, as they seek to lead us and hold us in this new season of church.

Jesus, Lord of life, in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, bread of life, give food to the hungry and nourish us all with your word. We pray for Christian Aid, CAP, the food banks and other agencies seeking to alleviate the suffering of others.

Jesus, Lord of life, in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, our way, our truth, our life, be with us and all who follow you in the way. Deepen our appreciation of your truth and fill us with your life. As doors of our church buildings remain closed for public worship we pray for sacred space and places of rest in our own homes, and for imagination and creativity as we look to the future.

Jesus, Lord of life, in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, Good Shepherd, who gave your life for the sheep, recover the straggler, bind up the injured, strengthen the sick and lead the healthy and strong to new pastures. We pray especially for...[add names of those you know are in need]

Jesus, Lord of life, in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, the resurrection and the life, we give you thanks for all who have lived and believed in you. Raise us with them to eternal life. We pray for the loved ones of those who are grieving, especially we remember before you...[add names of those known to you].

Jesus, Lord of life, in your mercy, hear us,

CLOSING SONG(S)

What a friend we have in Jesus	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PrthhmlyOGg
You never let go	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oDdHG7YCxic

CONCLUSION

The grace of our Lord Jesus, Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, evermore Amen.