**Team Eucharist**

**For Sunday 16 May 2021**

**Sunday after Ascension**

**Gathering**

*Welcome to our worship today. Please remain* ***seated*** *throughout the service until you are advised to move.*

We meet in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*The president introduces the service.*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**He has given us new life and hope.**

**He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

God has claimed us as his own.

**He has brought us out of darkness.**

**He has made us light to the world.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**Confession**

What God has prepared for those who love him, he has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything. Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord, who has prepared good things for those who love him.

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Absolution

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

**Collect**

*The president prays the Collect of the day.*

Let us pray.

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.

**Ministry of the Word**

*We hear a reading from the New Testament.*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

**15**In those days Peter stood up among the believers[[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=acts+1&version=NRSVA#fen-NRSVA-26928d)] (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, **16**‘Friends,[[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=acts+1&version=NRSVA#fen-NRSVA-26929e)] the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— **17**for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.’

**21**So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, **22**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.’ **23**So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. **24**Then they prayed and said, ‘Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen **25**to take the place[[g](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=acts+1&version=NRSVA#fen-NRSVA-26938g)] in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.’ **26**And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

For the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Reading**

*The Gospel reading is introduced.*

Alleluia, Alleluia Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people and kindle in them the fire of your love

**Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**6**‘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. **7**Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; **8**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. **9**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. **10**All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. **11**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. **12**While I was with them, I protected them in your name that[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+17&version=NRSVA#fen-NRSVA-26761b)] you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost,[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+17&version=NRSVA#fen-NRSVA-26761c)] so that the scripture might be fulfilled. **13**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.[[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+17&version=NRSVA#fen-NRSVA-26762d)] **14**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. **15**I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one.[[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+17&version=NRSVA#fen-NRSVA-26764e)] **16**They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. **17**Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. **18**As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. **19**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.**

**Address**

*A minister shares with us. (Deb)*

**Affirmation of Faith**

We say together in faith **Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.**

We believe in God the Father, who created all things: **for by his will they were created and have their being.**

We believe in God the Son, who was slain: **for with his blood, he purchased us for God,** **from every tribe and language, from every people and nation.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit: **the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'** **Even so come, Lord Jesus! Amen.** *cf Revelation 4.8,11; 5.9; 22.17,*

**Prayers of Intercession**

*This response may be used.*

Lord, come to bless us

**and fill us with your Spirit**

*At the end.*

Generous God, you sent your Holy Spirit upon your Messiah at the river Jordan, and upon the disciples in the upper room: **in your mercy fill us with your Spirit, hear our prayer, and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy forever. Amen**

**The Peace**

*We remain* ***seated***

*The president introduces the peace.*

God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us, and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

**Ministry of the Sacrament**

Father, by your Holy Spirit, you keep the Church in unity and in truth. As we break bread together, may we be one in Christ in faith and hope and love, now and forever. Amen.

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 indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For he is our great high priest who has entered once for all into the heavenly sanctuary, evermore to pour upon your Church the grace and comfort of your Holy Spirit.

He is the one who has gone before us, who calls us to be united in prayer as were his disciples in the upper room while they awaited his promised gift, the life-giving Spirit of Pentecost. Therefore, all creation yearns with eager longing as angels and archangels sing the endless hymn of praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith

Jesus Christ has died.

**Jesus Christ has died.**

Jesus Christ is risen.

**Jesus Christ is risen.**

Jesus Christ will come again.

**Jesus Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of the St John, St Stephen, St George and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever

**Amen.**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

*The president introduces the Lord’s Prayer.*

As we await the coming of God’s Holy Spirit, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

**Breaking of the Bread**

We break this bread

to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,**

**because we all share in one bread.**

**Invitation to Communion**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us. **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*The president receives Holy Communion in both kinds. We make our Spiritual Communion as Holy Communion will be administered in one kind only as you leave church.*

*Hymn*

**Prayer after Communion**

*Silence is kept.*

*The president prays the Post Communion prayer.*

Eternal God, giver of love and power,

your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world

to preach the gospel of his kingdom:

confirm us in this mission,

and help us to live the good news we proclaim;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Notices and Banns of Marriage**

**Acclamation**

Christ has gone up on high. **Alleluia.** God raised Christ from the dead **and enthroned him at his right hand in the heavenly realms**

God put all things in subjection beneath his feet **and gave him as head over all things to the Church.**

We died, and our life lies hidden with Christ in God. **We set our minds on things above.**

When Christ, who is our life is revealed, **we too will be revealed with him in glory** Christ has gone up on high. **Alleluia**

**The Blessing and Dismissal**

*The president assures us of God’s blessing*

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and strengthen you to proclaim the word and works of God; and the blessing of God Almighty, +the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen

With the power that raised Jesus from the dead at work within us, let **us g**o on in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**In the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

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