



## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Sunday 24 May 2020, 11am*

*in a time of national and global emergency precautions  
to resist the spread of the coronavirus pandemic*

### WELCOME TO THE EUCHARIST IN EASTERTIDE

*A warm welcome to you all joining us from home on Facebook Live*

*Please join in with the words in **bold**.*

*Today the Eucharist is led by Rev Helen Cook*

#### WELCOME

#### OPENING HYMN (NEH 377)

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious,  
the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, thy great  
name we praise.**

**Unresting, unchanging, and silent  
as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting,  
thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains high  
soaring above  
Thy clouds which are fountains  
of goodness and love.**

**To all life thou givest – to both  
great and small;  
In all life thou livest, the true life  
of all;  
We blossom and flourish as  
leaves on the tree,  
And wither and perish – but  
nought changeth thee.**

**Great Father of glory, pure  
Father of light,  
Thine angels adore thee, all  
veiling their sight;  
All laud we would render:  
O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendour of  
light hideth thee.**

## GREETING

† In the name of God, Father, Son,  
and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**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.**

## PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

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.  
*1 Corinthians 2. 9,10*

**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.**

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you  
from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you  
in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## GLORIA

**Glory to God in the highest  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
Almighty God and Father.  
We worship you, we give you  
thanks,  
We praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of  
the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

## THE COLLECT

**O God the king of glory,  
You have exalted your only Son  
Jesus Christ  
with great triumph to your  
kingdom in heaven;  
We beseech you,  
leave us not comfortless,  
but send your Holy Spirit to  
strengthen us  
and exalt us to the place where  
our Saviour Christ is gone before,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## GOSPEL READING

*Reader: Caroline Campbell*

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

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.**

St John 17: 1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words,  
he looked up to heaven and said,  
“Father, the hour has come; glorify  
your Son so that the Son may glorify  
you, since you have given him

authority over all people, to give  
eternal life to all whom you have  
given him. And this is eternal life, that  
they may know you, the only true God,  
and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.  
I glorified you on earth by finishing the  
work that you gave me to do. So now,  
Father, glorify me in your own pres-  
ence with the glory that I had in your  
presence before the world existed.  
“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.

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

SERMON—Rev Helen Cook

## THE CREED

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.  
We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts  
through faith,  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us with power  
from on high.  
We believe in one God; Father,  
Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

#### PRAYERS

*Leader: John Tolley*

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

At the end of the prayers  
Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers,  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

#### THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

#### 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

*cf 2 Corinthians 1: 22*

The peace of the Lord be always  
with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of  
peace

*\*All may exchange a sign of peach  
with those we are watching with at  
home, or by writing in the comment  
box below\**

#### HYMN (NEH 271)

**Alleluya, sing to Jesus,  
His the sceptre, his the throne;  
Alleluya, his the triumph,  
His the victory alone:  
Hark the songs of peaceful Sion  
Thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus, out of every nation,  
Hath redeemed us by his blood.**

**Alleluya, not as orphans  
Are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluya, he is near us,  
Faith believes, nor questions how;  
Though the cloud from sight  
received him  
When the forty days were o'er,  
Shall our hearts forget his promise,  
"I am with you evermore"?**

**Alleluya, Bread of Angels,  
Thou on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluya, here the sinful  
Flee to thee from day to day;  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
Where the songs of all the sinless  
Sweep across the crystal sea.**

**Alleluya, King eternal,  
Thee the Lord of lords we own;  
Alleluya, born of Mary,  
Earth thy footstool, heaven thy  
throne:  
Thou within the veil hast entered,  
Robed in flesh, our great  
High Priest;  
Thou on earth both Priest  
and Victim  
In the Eucharistic Feast.**

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

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 in the highest.  
Blessèd is he, who comes in the  
name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,

through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.

Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: 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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his Sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.  
Through Christ, and with Christ,  
and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit.  
all honour and glory are yours,  
O loving Father, for ever and ever.  
Blessing and honour and glory and  
power be yours for ever and ever.  
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 who 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.**

#### BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Every time we eat this bread  
and drink this cup  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until  
he comes.**

#### AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, **you take away  
the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.**  
Lamb of God, **you take away  
the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.**  
Lamb of God, **you take away  
the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.**

#### THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION / SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.  
Amen.**

#### NOTICES

#### CLOSING HYMN (SP 267)

**Christ triumphant, ever reigning,  
Saviour, Master, King!  
Lord of heaven, our lives  
sustaining,  
hear us as we sing:  
Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown, the eternal name!**

**Word incarnate, truth revealing,  
Son of Man on earth!  
power and majesty concealing  
by your humble birth:**

**Suffering servant, scorned,  
ill-treated,  
victim crucified!  
death is through the cross  
defeated,  
sinners justified:**

**Priestly king, enthroned for ever  
high in heaven above!  
sin and death and hell shall never  
stifle hymns of love:**

**So, our hearts and voices raising  
through the ages long,  
ceaselessly upon you gazing,  
this shall be our song:**

### 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 among you and all whom you love  
this day and always.

### EASTER DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.  
**Alleluia, Alleluia**

*All are welcome to join us for a virtual  
coffee on Zoom. To join simply click  
the link below or enter the Meeting ID  
and Password.*

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no weekly collection, if you are able to  
contribute, please consider  
donating in any of the following ways:*

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donation, or give a one-off amount  
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Thank you.

