



**THE SIXTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

Sunday 9 May 2021, 11am

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

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

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

*Our hymns today have been
recorded remotely by the Choral
Scholars of St Martin-in-the-Fields,
with thanks to the
Church of England.*

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN (NEH 137)

**Come down, O Love divine,
Seek thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with thine own ardour
glowing;
O comforter, draw near,
Within my heart appear,
And kindle it, thy holy flame
bestowing.**

**O let it freely burn,
Till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes, in its heat
consuming;
And let thy glorious light
Shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my
path illuming.**

*Love one
ANOTHER
as I have
LOVED
you*
-JOHN 15:12

**Let holy charity
Mine outward vesture be,
And lowliness become mine inner
clothing;
True lowliness of heart,
Which takes the humbler part,
And o'er its own shortcomings
weeps with loathing.**

**And so the yearning strong,
With which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the power of
human telling;
For none can guess its grace,
Till he become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes his
dwelling.**

THE GATHERING

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

THE GREETING

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

Let us ask God to have mercy on our tired land, and to prosper the work of our soiled hands.

Let us ask God to forgive our delusion of self-sufficiency so that we may praise him for his provision and goodness.

**Almighty God, our heavenly
Father,
we have sinned against you,
and against our neighbour
in thought, and word, and deed,
through negligence,
through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of
all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus
Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life, to the glory of
your name. 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 (Said)

**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

Risen Christ,
by the lakeside you renewed your
call to your disciples;
help your Church to obey your
command and draw the nations to the
fire of your love, to the glory of God
the Father.

Amen.

GRADUAL HYMN (NHWS 13)
...sung by the Contracovids

***A new commandment I give unto
you:
that you love one another as I have
loved you,
that you love one another as I have
loved you.***

**By this shall all know that you are
my disciples
if you have love one for another.
By this shall all know that you are
my disciples
if you have love one for another.**

**You are my friends if you do what I
command you.
Without my help you can do
nothing.
You are my friends if you do what I
command you.
Without my help you can do
nothing.**

**I am the true vine, my Father is the
gard'ner.
Abide in me: I will be with you.
I am the true vine, my Father is the
gard'ner.
Abide in me: I will be with you.**

**True love is patient, not arrogant or
boastful;
love bears all things, love is
eternal.
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THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Reader: Geoff Martin

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to John
Glory to you, O Lord.

St John 15: 9-17

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

SERMON

THE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father,
the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all
that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord,
Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Leader: Jane Tozer

After:

Lord in your abundant love

Hear our prayer.

At the end of the prayers:

We ask you to hear us, good Lord, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

and also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace

HYMN (NHWS 45)

...sung by the Contracovids

**Colours of day dawn into the mind,
The sun has come up, the night is behind.**

**Go down in the city, into the street,
And let's give the message to the people we meet.**

So light up the fire and let the flame burn,

Open the door, let Jesus return.

Take seeds of his Spirit,

let the fruit grow,

Tell the people of Jesus,

let his love show.

**Go through the park, on into the town;
The sun still shines on, it never goes down.
The light of the world is risen again;
The people of darkness are needing our friend.
*Refrain:***

**Open your eyes, look into the sky,
The darkness has come, the sun came to die.
The evening draws on, the sun disappears,
But Jesus is living, his Spirit is near.
*Refrain***

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (E)
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 and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and Father, through Jesus Christ your Son. Through him you have created us in your own image, and made us stewards of your good creation. Through him you teach us to exult in the birds of the air, the lilies of the field, the precious and life-giving crops of the earth.

Through him you free us from the slavery of sin, giving him to die upon the cross and to rise again for our salvation. Through him, you begin your work of new creation, as we look for a new heaven and a new earth in which your righteousness dwells. Therefore, we join with angels and archangels, and give voice to every creature under heaven, for ever praising you and saying:

**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:
**Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

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.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray as our Saviour has taught us:

**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

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.**

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.**

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia.**

THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY
COMMUNION / SPIRITUAL
COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the
water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you, the spring of life
and source of goodness, through him
who is alive and reigns, now and for
ever. **Amen.**

**Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought
us home.**

**Dying and living, he declared your
love, gave us grace, and opened the
gates of glory.**

**May we who share Christ's body
live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to
others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light
to the world.**

**Keep us firm in the hope you have
set before us,
so we and all your children shall be
free, and the whole earth live to
praise your name; through Christ
our Lord. Amen.**

NOTICES

HYMN

(NEH 420)

**O Jesus, I have promised
To serve thee to the end;
Be thou for ever near me,
My Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle
If thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If thou wilt be my guide.**

**O let me hear thee speaking
In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
To hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
Thou guardian of my soul.**

**O Jesus, thou hast promised
To all who follow thee,
That where thou art in glory
There shall thy servant be;
And, Jesus, I have promised
To serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
My Master and my Friend.**

**O let me see thy footmarks,
And in them plant mine own;
My hope to follow duly
Is in thy strength alone;
O guide me, call me, draw me,
Uphold me to the end;
And then in heaven receive me,
My Saviour and my Friend.**

BLESSING

God the Father,
by whose glory Christ was raised from
the dead,
strengthen you to walk with him in his
risen life;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy
Spirit, be among you and remain with
you this day and always.

Amen

EASTER DISMISSAL

Go in the peace of Christ.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

Voluntary:
J.S Bach Prelude and Fugue in C
BWV 545 recorded by Graham Powell
on the organ of St Peter's Limpsfield

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