**Wednesday 5th May 2021**

Welcome and Opening Prayer

The Greeting

The Lord be with you

**And with thy Spirit**

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed, Alleluia.**

Prayer of Preparation

**Almighty God,**

**unto whom all hearts be open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love Thee,  
and worthily magnify Thy holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:   
Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord;   
and Thou shalt love the Lord Thy God with all Thy heart,   
and with all Thy soul, and with all Thy mind,   
and with all Thy strength.   
This is the first commandment.

And the second is like, namely this:   
Thou shalt love Thy neighbour as thyself.   
There is none other commandment greater than these.   
On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these Thy laws in our hearts, we beseech Thee.**

God so loved the world  
that He gave His only Son Jesus Christ  
to save us from our sins,  
to be our advocate in heaven,  
and to bring us to eternal life.

*Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us. Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,**

**we have sinned against Thee   
and against our neighbour,  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are heartily sorry and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of Thy Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past,  
and grant that we may serve Thee in newness of life  
to the glory of Thy name. Amen.**

Absolution

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.**

***Glory be to God on high,***

***and in earth peace, goodwill towards men.***

***We praise Thee, we bless Thee,  
we worship Thee, we glorify Thee,  
we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King,  
God the Father almighty.***

***O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ:  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.***

***For Thou only art holy;  
Thou only art the Lord;  
Thou only, O Christ,  
with the Holy Ghost,  
art the Most High,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.***

**Collect:**

**Almighty God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: we humbly beseech thee that, as by thy grace preceding us thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Reading**: Luke 24 v36-49

**36**While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’

**37**They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. **38**He said to them, ‘Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? **39**Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.’

**40**When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. **41**And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, ‘Do you have anything here to eat?’ **42**They gave him a piece of broiled fish, **43**and he took it and ate it in their presence.

**44**He said to them, ‘This is what I told you while I was still with you: everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.’

**45**Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. **46**He told them, ‘This is what is written: the Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, **47**and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. **48**You are witnesses of these things. **49**I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.’

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Talk

Creed

**I believe in one God the Father almighty,**

**maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things   
visible and invisible:**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,**

**God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by Whom all things were made;  
Who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man,  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried,  
and the third day He rose again  
according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.  
And He shall come again with glory  
to judge both the quick and the dead:  
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together   
is worshipped and glorified,  
who spake by the prophets.  
And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.  
And I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Prayers**

Lord, in Your mercy

**hear our prayer**.

*The prayers may end with*

**Merciful Father,**

**accept these prayers**

**for the sake of Your Son**

**our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Communion

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**

Communion prayer

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up Your hearts.

**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

**It is meet and right so to do.**

*It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,*

*Always and everywhere to give you thanks.*

*Almighty and eternal Father,*

*And in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts*

*The memory of your wonderful works.*

*For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son,*

*Has conquered the powers of death and hell*

*And restored in men and women the image of your glory.*

*He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal.*

*And so, in the joy of this Passover,*

*Earth and heaven resound with gladness,*

*While angels and archangels and the powers of all creation*

*sing for ever the hymn of your glory.*

*And we join with them,*

*Evermore praising thee, saying:*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high.  
Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of Thy Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be unto us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that He was betrayed, took bread;  
and when He had given thanks to Thee,  
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.

Likewise, after supper He took the cup;  
and when He had given thanks to Thee,

He gave it to them, saying:  
Drink ye all of this;  
for this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of Himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of his kingdom  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ Thy Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**

Accept through Him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of Thy divine majesty,  
renew us by Thy Holy Spirit,  
inspire us with Thy love,  
and unite us in the body of Thy Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord,

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be unto Thee,  
O Father almighty,  
world without end. **Amen.**

The Lord’s Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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.**

We break this body to share in the body of Christ.

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

**Because we share in the one bread.**

*Draw near with faith, receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which He gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that He died for you and feed on Him in your hearts, by faith, with thanksgiving.*

Prayer of Humble Access

**We do not presume to come to this table, O merciful Lord,**

**Trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies.**

**We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table.**

**But thou are the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy.**

**Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood and that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us.**

**Amen.**

*[Receiving communion]*

Prayer after communion:

***Almighty God, we thank thee for feeding us with the body and blood of Thy Son Jesus Christ. Through Him we offer Thee our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of Thy Spirit to live and work to thy praise and glory. Amen.***

The Dismissal

*The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;*

*and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always*. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

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