



**15<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

## **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

*We welcome you to St Matthew's Church this morning and pray you are blessed as we worship the risen Lord together.*

*If you are with us for the first time please fill in one of our Welcome Cards. Thank you.*

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

*Don't forget to silence your mobile!*

*Our Celebrant is Revd Simon Foster.*

*Our Preacher is Alison Radford.*

### **¶ The Gathering**

#### **♪ Hymn ♪**

Christ the Lord is risen again!  
Christ hath broken every chain!  
Hark! angelic voices cry,  
singing evermore on high,  
*Alleluia!*

He who gave for us His life,  
who for us endured the strife,  
is our Paschal Lamb today;  
we too sing for joy, and say:  
*Alleluia!*

He who bore all pain and loss  
comfortless upon the cross,  
lives in glory now on high,  
pleads for us, and hears our cry:  
*Alleluia!*

He who slumbered in the grave  
is exalted now to save;  
through the universe it rings  
that the Lamb is King of kings:  
*Alleluia!*

Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed,  
Christ, thy ransomed people feed;  
take our sins and guilt away:  
let us sing by night and day  
*Alleluia!*

*Michael Weisse (c.1480-1534)  
trans. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)*

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you

**and also with you.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*We remain standing to pray together*

**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.**

*Please be seated*

## **The Confession and Absolution**

### **Invitation to confession**

In baptism we died with Christ, so that as Christ was raised from the dead, we might walk in newness of life. Let us receive new life in him as we confess our sins in penitence and faith.

*cf Romans 6.4*

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life.  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins.  
Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you feed us with the living bread.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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.**

*Please stand*

### **Gloria in Excelsis**

**All glory be to God on high!  
And peace to His people on the  
earth.**

**Lord God, almighty God and  
Father,  
we give you thanks for your  
glory.**

**Lamb of God, only Son of the  
Father,**

**you sit at the right hand of God,  
you take away the sins of the  
world,  
have mercy on us, receive our  
prayer.**

**For you alone are the holy one,  
for you only are the Lord most  
high,  
Jesus Christ with the Holy  
Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

### **The Collect**

*A period of silent prayer*

Risen Christ,  
your wounds declare your love for the  
world and the wonder of your risen life:  
give us compassion and courage  
to risk ourselves for those we serve,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
**Amen.**

## **¶ The Liturgy of the Word**

Let us prepare ourselves for the Word  
of God as it comes to us in the reading  
of Holy Scripture.

**Our hearts and minds are open.**

*Please be seated*

### **First Reading**

*Acts 11.1-18*

The apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God.<sup>2</sup> So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticised him,<sup>3</sup> saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?'

<sup>4</sup>Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup>I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup>As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." <sup>8</sup>But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." <sup>9</sup>But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." <sup>10</sup>This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup>At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup>The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. <sup>13</sup>He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup>he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." <sup>15</sup>And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." <sup>17</sup>If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" <sup>18</sup>When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*We stand to sing*

♪ **Song** ♪

Father, we love You,  
we worship and adore You,  
glorify Your name in all the earth.  
glorify Your name, glorify Your name,  
glorify Your name in all the earth.

Jesus, we love You...

Spirit, we love You...

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*Please be seated*

*The children leave for Young Church*

## **Second Reading**

*Revelation 21.1-6*

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

'See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;  
they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them;

<sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away.'

<sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' <sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Let us stand to greet the Gospel of Christ

## **The Gospel**

Alleluia, alleluia alleluia.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;

I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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.**

*John 13.31-35*

During the supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this

everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

## **The Sermon**

Let us stand to declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## **The Creed**

**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.**

*Please be seated*

## **Prayers of Intercession**

As a royal priesthood, let us pray to the Father through Christ who ever lives to intercede for us.

Reveal your kingdom among the nations; may peace abound and justice flourish.

Especially we pray for...

Your name be hallowed.

**Your kingdom come.**

Send down upon us the gift of the Spirit and renew your Church with power

from on high.  
Especially we pray for...  
Your name be hallowed.

**Your kingdom come.**

Deliver the oppressed, strengthen the  
weak, heal and restore your creation.

Especially we pray for...  
Your name be hallowed.

**Your kingdom come.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the  
Church on earth, we join our prayers  
with all the saints in glory.

Especially we remember...  
Your name be hallowed.

**Your kingdom come.**

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

## ¶ **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

*Please stand*

### **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. *cf John 20.19*

The peace of the Lord be always  
with you

**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign  
of God's peace.

### ♪ **Hymn** ♪

Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God;  
He whose word cannot be broken

formed thee for His own abode.  
On the Rock of Ages founded,  
what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters,  
springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters,  
and all fear of want remove.

Who can faint while such a river  
ever flows their thirst to assuage?  
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver,  
never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hovering,  
see the cloud and fire appear  
for a glory and a covering,  
showing that the Lord is near.  
Thus they march, the pillar leading,  
light by night and shade by day;  
daily on the manna feeding  
which He gives them when they pray.

Saviour, if of Zion's city  
I through grace a member am,  
let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in Thy Name.  
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,  
all his boasted pomp and show;  
solid joys and lasting treasure  
none but Zion's children know.

*John Newton (1725-1807)*

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness,  
the power, the glory, the  
splendour,  
and the majesty;  
for everything in heaven and  
on earth is yours.  
All things come from you,  
and of your own do we give  
you.**

## **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, 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, women and  
children 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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full  
of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed 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.

Praise to you Lord Jesus:  
**Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

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 St Matthew and 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**

Raised again with Christ in the power  
of the Spirit, we say:

**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.**

*As the children return from Young Church  
we sing*

## **♪ Chant ♪**

Surrexit Christus, alleluia!  
Cantate Domino, alleluia!

*Christ is risen, alleluia!  
Sing to the Lord, alleluia!*

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## **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 sin of the  
world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the  
world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the  
world,  
grant us peace.**

## **Giving of Communion**

Alleluia. Christ our passover  
is sacrificed for us.

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

*Communicant members of any Christian  
Church are invited to receive Holy  
Communion. If you wish to receive a  
blessing please bow your head.*

## **♪ Anthem ♪**

## **♪ Hymn ♪**

Earth, earth, awake; your praises sing:  
*Alleluia!*  
Greet with the dawn your risen King:  
*Alleluia!*  
Bright suns and stars, your homage pay:  
*Alleluia!*  
Life reigns again this Easter Day:  
*Alleluia!*  
All nature sings of hope reborn:  
*Alleluia!*  
Christ lives to comfort those who  
mourn: *Alleluia!*  
First fruit of all the dead who sleep:

*Alleluia!*

Promise of joy for all who weep:

*Alleluia!*

Winter is past, the night is gone:

*Alleluia!*

Christ's light, triumphant, pales the

dawn: *Alleluia!*

Creation spreads its springtime bloom:

*Alleluia!*

Life bursts like flame from death's cold

tomb: *Alleluia!*

Praise we the Father, Spirit, Son:

*Alleluia!*

Praise we the victory God has won:

*Alleluia!*

Praise we the Lamb who reigns above:

*Alleluia!*

Praise we the King whose rule is love:

*Alleluia!*

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## **Prayer after Communion**

*Silence is kept.*

Eternal God,

whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:

grant us to walk in his way,

to rejoice in his truth,

and to share his risen life;

who is alive and reigns,

now and for ever.

**Amen.**

**Almighty God,**

**we thank you for feeding us**

**with the body and blood of**

**your Son Jesus Christ.**

**Through him we offer you our**

**souls and bodies**

**to be a living sacrifice.**

**Send us out in the power of**

**your Spirit to live and work**

**to your praise and glory.**

**Amen.**

## **Notices**

♪ **Hymn** ♪

Paschal Feast! Upon the cross

Jesus gave Himself to save us.

Sin's sad leaven throw away:

break the bread of life He gave us.

*Alleluia!*

Risen again, our living Lord

death's dominion now has shattered.

Now we share His risen life,

hell's dread powers for ever scattered.

*Alleluia!*

Christ is risen from the grave,

all who sleep in death awaking.

First fruit of the harvest field:

now our Easter dawn is breaking.

*Alleluia!*

As through man death comes to all,

so has man unlocked death's prison.

As in Adam all are dead,

so in Christ shall all be risen.

*Alleluia!*

*Edwin Le Grice (1911-1992)*

*based on The Easter Anthems*

¶ **Dismissal**

## **The 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 upon you and remain with you and

all those whom you love and all those

for whom you pray this day and

for evermore.

**Amen.**

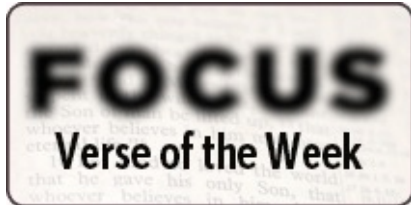


We are raised to new life with Christ.  
Go in his peace. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

*Please take this service sheet with you.*



[Jesus said] “John baptized with water,  
but you will be baptized with the Holy  
Spirit.”

*Acts 11.16b*

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