



Worship for Sunday 16th May 2021

Good morning and welcome to our service on this the 7th Sunday of Easter, the Sunday after Ascension Day. Welcome, it is lovely to have you with us as we gather to worship our loving God. Let us take a moment to still ourselves in the presence of God so that we are ready for worship this morning.

Call to worship

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

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

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

Hymn: Hail the day that sees him rise

Lord, speak to us **that we may hear your word.**

Move among us **that we may behold your glory.**

Receive our prayers **that we may learn to trust you. Amen**

Prayers of Penitence

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all. *Silence.*

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.**

Collect for the 7th Sunday after Easter

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. **Amen**

Reading: Acts 1: 15-17, 12-end

Hymns: Christ triumphant

Reading: John 17: 6-19

Talk

I have made a video of the talk.

Creed

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and 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**

Hymn: Breath on me breath of God

Prayers

I have made a video of the prayers.

Let us pray together to our heavenly father knowing his love for us. *Silence.*

Father, we want to live your way, offer you true worship, and serve one another in love. Empower your Church to do this, we pray; live in us; transform us. We pray for the church throughout the world, for our Archbishops Justin and Stephen, bishops Rachel and Robert and for all church leaders and congregations, guide and strength your people as we seek to be your witness in this world. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Father, we want our states and kingdoms to display your love and truth, justice and mercy. We want to break down walls of prejudice and build bridges of reconciliation and trust. Empower your world, we pray; live in us; transform us. We pray for the all those effected by the Coronavirus, may the world work together to tackle the pandemic and protect the vulnerable.

We pray for all places of conflict throughout the world and we pray for peace. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Father, we want our children to be safely and lovingly nurtured, our elderly valued, our homes to be places of welcome and warmth; empower your people, we pray; live in us, transform us. We pray for our local community for all homes and families, school and playgroups, doctors' surgeries and hospitals and framers and business. We pray for all those who have found this week particularly difficult or changeling bring to them the support, friendship and love they need. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Father, we want your healing for those whose lives are aching and weary; your comfort and reassurance for all who are imprisoned by fears and hate; empower these lives, we pray; live in us; transform us. We pray for all those who are suffering whether in body mind or spirit and in a moment of silence we name before you any know to us. *Silence.* Bring to them and to those who love and care for them your healing, peace and love. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Father, we want to commit our loved ones, who have died, into your safe keeping for ever. We give thanks for the lives of all those who have recently died and for all that they meant to their families and friends. We prayer for all those who are grieving at this time especially those who are struggling, surround them with your comfort, strength and hope. Lord in mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Father, in a moment of silence and stillness we offer our own prayers to God. *Silence.* Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

The Lord's prayer

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.** Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

I know that we are not together physically today and not able to share the peace in our normal way. However, this does not mean that we are not able to share the peace. Bring to mind members of our church family and as you do wish them God's peace. "..... (the name of a member of our church family) God's peace be with you

Hymn: Rejoice the Lord is King

We go out

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

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, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

Waiting expectantly for the promised Holy Spirit, go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia. **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia, alleluia.

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