



Worship for Sunday 21st March 2021

Good morning and welcome to our service on this the Fifth Sunday of Lent, also known as Passion Sunday. Welcome if you are joining us on Zoom or following the service at home, 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**
Praise the name of the Lord; **ascribe greatness to our God.**
Lord, open our lips **and we shall praise your name.**
The lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Let us worship God.

Hymn: Be still for the presence of the Lord

A prayer

Faithfull one, whose word is life; come with saving power to free our praise, inspire our prayer, and shape our lives for the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayers of Penitence

Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion, and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.
Silence.

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love: fill us with your Spirit. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith: fill us with your Spirit.
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust: fill us with your Spirit. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Collect of the 5th Sunday of Lent

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Reading: Hebrews 5: 5-10

To you, O Lord I lift up my soul; **O my God in you I trust.**
You are the God of my salvation; **To you, O Lord I lift up my soul.**
In you I hope all the day long. **O my God, in your I trust.**
Remember, Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.
To you oh Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, in you I trust.

Hymn: Jesus' lover of my soul

Reading: John 12: 20-33

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: Lead us heavenly father lead us

Prayers

I have made a video of the prayers.

As sons and daughters of our heavenly King, let us ask our Father's blessing on the church and on the world.

We pray for the work of your church throughout the world; that all your people may be inspired with a vision of your kingdom on earth and encouraged to play their part in its building. Filled with us with your spirit of peace and joy, that we may spread your love through all the world. Make us more attentive to your call and fill us with courage and strength to follow. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who work for justice and peace. May the nations learn to live in harmony, and all people turn away from war and conflict, in favour of sharing and co-operation. As we approach the first anniversary of the first national lockdown, we continue our prayers for all those affected by the coronavirus, for the bereaved, the sick and those who care for them, the lonely and fearful, those struggling with their mental health and well-being and for all those dealing with the economic impact remembering especially those struggling to make ends meet. We pray for the work of charities both local and international bless them in their work and give them the resources they need to continue their good work. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for our own part in the life of your kingdom; that we may learn your way of love, serve you gladly and work with others to build up the kingdom of God. We pray for our local community, for all homes and families and ask that kindness and mutual support may be the hallmark of our common life together. We pray for local business and for all those who support and care for children and young people, remembering especially our local school as they seek to support children and families in these challenging times. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who care for the sick in hospitals and nursing homes; for doctors and nurses, paramedics, and chaplains, for all who work in medical laboratories, fill them with your wisdom and compassion and may they find the support they need to continue in their work. We bring before you all those who are suffering at this time, we think of those undergoing treatment, those waiting for and recovering from operations, those waiting for test results and all those struggling with their mental health and wellbeing. In a moment of silence, we name before you any known to us. *Silence.* Surround them and those who love and care for them with your healing, comfort, and peace. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

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 pray for all those who are grieving at this time, remembering especially those who are struggling with their grief, bring into their lives the comfort, love and hope they need. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

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 our Lord. Amen**

The lord's Prayer

The peace

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace. 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: All hail the power of Jesus name

We go out

God of our journey, as we walk with you on your path of obedience, sustain us on our way and lead us to your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

God give us grace to grow in holiness, to deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow him; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with us this this day and always. **Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen**

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