

WORSHIP - 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER - 2 MAY 2021

Today we have physical services in our churches at 10 am and we meet on Zoom at 11.30 - the link is on the website. This is the Order of Service that is based on the Zoom service.

Hymn - I, the Lord of sea and sky - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mgLwH5RdtPk>

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

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

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.

Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God. Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

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.**

The Gloria – Mass of St Cedd, *Peter Nardone* - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lf1F6G0Iuas>

**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

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

New Testament reading - Acts 8.26-end - *is printed on the blue noticesheet*

Hymn - Love is his word, love is his way - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NQWcTjA8e90>

Gospel - John 15.1-8 - *is printed on the blue noticesheet*

Address - *a sermon from Peter is on the website*

The Nicene 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.

Anthem – The Call - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mAnWzyOMBwg>

Words: George Herbert, Music: Richard Lloyd, sung by The Bede Singers

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
such a way as gives us breath;
such a truth as ends all strife;
such a life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
such a light as shows a feast;
such a feast as mends in length;
such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
such a joy as none can move;
such a love as none can part;
such a heart as joys in love.

Prayers of Intercession

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. And so we give thanks to the God of creation. Thanks for the beauty of this world, the beauty of our gardens, the orchards, the trees, the vineyards, so much that is special. We give thanks for those who care for our open spaces, our parks, footpaths, heritage sites – for the National Trust, English Heritage, and those who work for the Council. Thank you Lord for the beauty of our neighbourhood, and the peace we have found in this last year. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

As we give thanks to the God of creation, we pray for so much work that needs doing to protect our fragile earth. We give thanks for a greater political will than there has been in the past, for the leadership of President Biden and other world leaders. We pray for them. We pray for the charities and pressure groups, for individuals with influence. We give thanks when industry, finance and commerce, work together for positive change – and ask God's strength when they try and keep the status quo. We pray for ourselves, our friends and neighbours. For the changes we need to make, the lifestyle choices that we all have – as individuals and as churches - and we ask God's help in our work. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray to the vine-grower and ask his strength and leadership as we proclaim his love, the joy of his new wine. We are not good Lord at proclamation, of telling others about our faith, of inviting them to taste and see. Help us Lord to learn from Philip, to have the faith that God will take us, lead us, guide us and inspire

us. Our churches need to reach out to the communities around us – we pray for the opportunities we have, for Darley Abbey Day, for baptisms, weddings, funerals. Help us, Lord, not just to be nice churches, but to be churches with faith and purpose, and a sense of God’s life-changing love. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are sick in body, mind and spirit. Help us to be there for them when life is hard. Thank you Lord for the friendships we have, for the support we give – may we be there for those who worship with us, those we haven’t seen for ages, and all who ask for our help and support. We pray for those fighting Covid, for those whose medical treatment has been delayed, for our NHS – where everyone is tired and where the service is still under threat. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray especially for the peoples of India – and we know that is not the only country where Covid is sweeping through the population. We have seen images which frighten us, which make us despair, and we cannot begin to imagine what people are going through. We pray for immediate relief, for the international aid effort – and we pray for a fairer world, a more just distribution of vaccines, relief, and your healing power. We pray for all who are dying, for all who have died – surround them with your love we ask Lord, and be with those who miss them so much. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We bring our prayers together as we pray the prayer that Jesus 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.**

Hymn - O Jesus, I have promised - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UU_cev2ri90

The Blessing

May Christ, who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future, fill you with his new life, 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.

Final music - Two part invention number 2 in C minor, BWV 773, J.S. Bach
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YrJ2KPqWx3U>

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