



A Liturgy of the Word Fifth Sunday of Easter

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The full service or the sermon can be viewed on the website.

Processional Hymn

**1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.**

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!

Great is thy faithfulness!

**Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided.**

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

**2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]**

**3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]**

Author: Thomas O. Chisholm (1923)

Call to Worship

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Introductory Rite

The Lord is our light and our life.

O come, let us worship.

Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us
together to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing.

Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past,
and your purpose in the week to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.





The Gloria

Sung by Ven Moses Thabethe

1 Glory to God, glory to God,
Glory in the Father!
Glory to God, glory to God,
Glory in the Father!

Refrain:

To God be glory forever!
To God be glory forever!
Alleluia, amen! Alleluia, amen!
Alleluia, amen! Alleluia, amen!

2 Glory to God, glory to God,
Son of the Father!
Glory to God, glory to God,
Son of the Father! [Refrain]

3 Glory to God, glory to God,
Glory to the Spirit!
Glory to God, glory to God,
Glory to the Spirit! [Refrain]

Collect for Purity

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
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**

The Kyrie

**Kyrie eleison x3
Christe eleison x3
Kyrie eleison x3**

The Penitence

*Dear friends in Christ,
as we turn our hearts and minds
to worship almighty God,
let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with our neighbour.*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
In penitence we confess
That we have sinned against you
Through our own fault**





**In thought, word and deed
And in what we have left undone.
For the sake of your Son, Christ our Lord
Forgive us all that is past
And grant that we may serve you
In newness of life
To the glory of your name. Amen.**

Absolution

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy on you: pardon your sins
and set you free from them;
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect

**Gracious God
your Son revealed the meaning of love:
increase in us that same love,
that all may know that we are your disciples;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Word of God

Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 148
Revelation 21:1-6

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Lord you are the Spirit and life
Alleluia, Alleluia

You have the words of everlasting life
Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospel Reading

John 13:31-35





The Sermon

Sermon: Revd Sharmain James

Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm our faith as we say,

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Holy God, we come before you with thanksgiving for all your mercy and grace and we give thanks for the beauty and wonder of the world around us as we bring to you our prayers of intercession and thanksgiving.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Loving God we pray for the universal church, so that each of the Christian community everywhere might make use of their individual talents enabling each church group to flourish as a witness to the "One Body" of the church. Help us all to spread the warmth of Your love to everyone we meet and help us to be a welcoming community to all who come here no matter what their background, outlook on life, or outward appearance.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Lord God we pray for all who work for peace and unity, and for all world leaders that they will continue to seek for an end to the suffering caused by war and violence, injustice and inequality, disease, prejudice, poverty and hopelessness and bring healing to the world. We pray especially for those fighting terrorism in Syria and for peace in the Holy Land. We continue to pray for those who are refugees and seek safety in another country, despite the dangers of the journey.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Creator God, St. John gave us a vision of a new heaven and a new earth. We pray for those parts of the world which badly need renewal. Inspire and instruct our world leaders to constantly work for that day when all the world's peoples may enjoy security, peace and a decent standard of living.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer**



Gracious God we pray for the work and service of all care homes and day centres for elderly and sick people, and for those carers who look after family and friends in their own home. And thank you for the many charity organisations who raise money and provide supportive services to help. We pray for all finding their life painful, lonely or uncertain, especially those who are ill or vulnerable. Help them to sense your comfort in times of need and bless their families and carers.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Loving God, we pray for those, saddened by the death of a loved one, for members of our families who have died and whose anniversary we recall. Help us to draw comfort from the Holy Spirit and the fellowship of our church family. We remember now before God those who have died or whose year's mind fall at his time.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Gracious God, grant our requests as may be best for us, in the name of your risen Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for Offering

God of love, we offer our gifts today in hopeful gratitude.

Bless these gifts and use them to increase the goodness enjoyed by those in need. Bless our lives that, through our relationships, others will be touched by the hope we know in Christ Jesus and find their lives blessed by his love and mercy. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

*Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us:*

**Our Father which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil
For thine is the Kingdom
And all the power and the glory, forever. Amen**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Almighty God, father of all mercies
Here, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
For you are good and full of lovingkindness
Pouring out your love to us and all whom you have made
We bless you, Lord, for our creation, preservation
And the blessings of this life
But most of all for your immeasurable love
The redemption of the world by Jesus Christ
For the means of grace and the hope of glory**

And give us such awareness of your mercies
That with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise
Not only with our lips but in our whole lives
Giving up ourselves to serve you, walking in your ways
In holiness and righteousness all of our days
And now, through Jesus Christ our Lord
To whom, with you and with the Holy Spirit raise
All the honour and the praise for evermore
Amen.





Final Blessing

The Lord be with you

And also with you

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith;
May you be rooted and grounded in love;
May you grasp the full breadth and length
and height and depth of the love of Christ;

May you know that love, that surpasses knowledge
May you be filled with all the fulness of God

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



Dismissal

Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power
of our risen Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, Alleluia



Recessional Hymn

**1 Guide me, O my great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.**

**2 Open now the crystal fountain,
where the healing waters flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
ever be my strength and shield,
ever be my strength and shield.**

**3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever sing to you,
I will ever sing to you.**

Author: William Williams (1745)

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