



A Liturgy of the Word Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

Processional Hymn

1 Glorious things of you are spoken,
Zion, city of our God!
he whose word cannot be broken
formed you for his own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
Thou may smile at all thy foes.

3 Round each habitation hovering,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering,
showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner
light by night and shade by day,
safe they feed upon the manna
which God gives them when they pray.

2 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 will their thirst assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver,
never fails from age to age.

4 Saviour, since of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in your name.
Fading are the worldlings pleasures,
all their boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasures
none but Zion's children know.

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.

Let the heavens and earth praise the Lord.

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

**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**

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

Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy
Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

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

**Eternal Father,
your reign extends beyond space and time:
grant that in this world of changing things
we may hold fast to your promises that endure forever;
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 16:9-15
Psalm 67
Revelation 21:10,22-22:5

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 14:23-29

The Sermon

Sermon: Revd Matthew Wright





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

As we enter a time of prayer, we bring before God our own needs and those of God's world.

Where there is discord in our nation and beyond, help us to be light and healing. As Jesus was bold and confident in reaching out to others in their need, help your Church to shine, to be healing hands and voices.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

For those who hurt and grieve, help us to bring comfort and hope, friendship and peace. For those suffering in poverty, whether in our own country or beyond, open our hearts to do everything in our power to make a difference.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

For those situations in the world today which require your divine intervention - the ongoing conflict in Ukraine; those millions who have been displaced by conflict and war the world over; those facing the threat of starvation.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Where there is division within the Church and between Churches, humble us so that we might seek reconciliation and peace. For all present in this place, who need a touch of grace from Jesus, draw us to him in confidence. We pray of our Archbishop, Thabo and our bishop, Steve, grant them your wisdom and Inspiration.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

This Eastertide may we continue to be a people of Resurrection; where there is darkness, may we be bearers of your light; where there is despair, may we proclaim your hope; where there is ruin, grant us the strength and courage to rebuild. All this, as well as the unspoken words of our hearts and minds, we offer in faith and expectation, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. **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 To God be the glory
Great things He hath done
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the life-gate that all may go in**

**2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood
To every believer the promise of God
The vilest offender who truly believes
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives**

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord
Let the earth hear His voice
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord
Let the people rejoice
O Come to the Father
Through Jesus the Son
And give Him the glory
Great things He hath done*

**3 Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see**

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord
Let the earth hear His voice
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord
Let the people rejoice
O Come to the Father
Through Jesus the Son
And give Him the glory
Great things He hath done*

Sung by A 150 voice choir



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