



A Liturgy of the Word Fifth Sunday of Easter 10 MAY 2020



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Music -
Louis Maritz

Gathering as a family as usual, you can use this order of service for worship. One person can lead and everyone else respond in the words printed in **bold**.

Opening Hymn - Rock of Ages



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with lyrics](#)

1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood,
from thy wounded side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure;
save from wrath and make me pure.

2 Not the labours of my hands
can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone;
thou must save, and thou alone.

3 Nothing in my hand I bring,
simply to the cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress;
helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly;
wash me, Saviour, or I die.

Augustus Toplady (1776)



The Greeting

The leader greets the people and says

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All He has given us new life and hope.
He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Opening Prayer

**All Faithful 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.**



Praise

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All He has given us new life and hope.
He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

God has claimed us as his own.

**All He has brought us out of darkness.
He has made us light to the world.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.



Gloria

All 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.

Prayers of Penitence

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.
We have lived by our own strength,
and not by the power of your resurrection.
In your mercy, forgive us.

All Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
as faithless and not believing.
In your mercy, forgive us.

All Lord, hear us and help us.



Prayers of Penitence cont...

We have lived for this world alone,
and doubted our home in heaven.

In your mercy, forgive us.

All Lord, hear us and help us

May the God of love and power
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.

All Amen

The Collect

**All Eternal God, your Son Jesus Christ
Is the way, the truth and the
life for all creation;
Grant us grace to walk in his way,
Rejoice in his truth, and
share his risen life;
Who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and for ever.
Amen**



Scripture Readings

- Acts 7:55-60
- Psalm 31:1-5, 17-18
- 1 Peter 2:2-10
- John 14: 1-14

Gospel Reading

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John 14:1-14

Read by **Hannah Chambers**



Hymn - We Have a Gospel to Proclaim



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We have a gospel to proclaim,
Good news for men in all the earth;
The gospel of a Saviour's name,
We sing His glory, tell His worth.

Tell of His birth at Bethlehem,
Not in a royal house or hall
But in a stable dark and dim,
The Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of His death at Calvary,
Hated by those He came to save,
In lonely suffering on the cross,
For all He loved His life He gave.

Edward J. Burns (1968)

Sermon



[Click here to listen to the sermon](#)

"Troubled Hearts Come Home"
Reverend Allie Joseph



Affirmation of Faith

This Affirmation of Faith or an authorised Creed is used

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe.
Amen**



Prayers of Intercession

With faith in God's promises, let us now present our needs and petitions. We pray for the Church, and for all who are a living witness to the need for repentance, may we always return to Christ the Way, the Truth and the Life – the One who calls us each by name. Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

We pray for places in our nation and in the world lacking adequate medical care, may efforts be prospered to find ways to bring help, hope, and healing where it is needed: Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

We pray for all who suffer from physical, mental, or emotional trauma, may they find relief and comfort through the compassionate support of others, that they too may experience abundance of life: Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

We pray for all care-givers, health-care workers, first responders, and essential services personnel; for the safety of all, especially those who work in self-giving love during this pandemic: Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

We pray for ourselves and all who have wandered far from the pastures of the Lord, may they hear God's voice and open their hearts to responding in hope and wonder: Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

We pray for families of those who have died, especially for the family of Belina Ramogase, that they may be comforted in the grief. We pray too, for victims of COVID-19, that they may attain the fullness of life in the eternal kingdom: Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

God of love, our refuge and our strength, hear the prayers of your Church, and grant us today what we ask of you, in faith, through Christ, our Lord. **Amen**



The Lord's Prayer



[Click here to listen to Susan Boyle - The Lord's Prayer](#)

Gathering our prayers and praise into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us

All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen

The 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

All and also with you.

may exchange a sign of peace by acknowledging each other like bowing.

Closing Hymn - Be Thou my Vision



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1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art--
thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, I thy true son;
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.



Closing Hymn - Be Thou my Vision



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3 Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r:
raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

4 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

5 High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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