



A Liturgy of the Word Sixth Sunday of Easter

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Music –
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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: All Creatures of our God and King



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All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou, burning sun with golden beam
Thou, silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

He shall return in pow'r to reign
Heaven and earth will join to say
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Then who shall fall on bended knee?
All creatures of our God and King
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Author: St Francis of Assisi
Paraphraser: William H. Draper 1225



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

This may be said together

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Author: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711



Prayers of Penitence

Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess we have failed you as did your first disciples.
We ask for your mercy and your help.
Our selfishness betrays you:
Lord, forgive us.

All Christ have mercy.

We fail to share the pain of your suffering:
Lord, forgive us.

All Christ have mercy.

We run away from those who abuse you:
Lord, forgive us.

All Christ have mercy.

We are afraid of being known to belong to you:
Lord, forgive us.

All Christ have mercy.

Come, let us return to the Lord and say:

**All Lord our God,
in our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us;
deliver us from judgement;
bind up our wounds and revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Hosea: 6



The Collect

All O God, you reveal yourself in love:
Pour into our hearts such love towards you,
That we, loving you in all things and above all things,
May obtain your promises,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and forever.
Amen

Scripture Readings

- Acts 17:22-31
- Psalm 66:8-20
- 1 Peter 3:13-22
- John 14: 15-21



Hymn: *Be still for the presence of the Lord*



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Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The holy One, is here;
Come bow before him now
With reverence and fear
In him no sin is found
We stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire,
With splendour he is crowned:
How awesome is the sight
Our radiant king of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around.



Hymn: Be still for the presence of the Lord



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Be still, for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place:
He comes to cleanse and heal,
To minister his grace -
No work too hard for him.
In faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place.

Author: David Evans (1986)

Gospel Reading



[Click here to listen to the Gospel reading](#)

John 14: 15-21

Thloni Mhango

Sermon



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"Not Just Passing Through"

Reverend Alison Thabethe



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

We pray for the Church and her leaders throughout the world, that we may draw others to God by our exemplary lives and that our church communities may become a haven for all those who hunger for God's nourishing Word. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

We pray that men and women in positions of trust seek justice and peace in all they do. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

That our country become a place where people of all races are truly equal and at home. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

For civil servants in every land, for firefighters, paramedics, police officers, and road builders may find strength in their service of humanity. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

That people of every nation use natural resources more wisely, and treat creation more respectfully. 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 families of those who have died, especially for the families of Cilla North and of Leslie Packham, that they may be comforted in the grief and that these servants of God may find eternal rest. 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**



The Lord's Prayer



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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: Breathe on Me Breath of God



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Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love,
And do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until with Thee I will one will,
To do and to endure.



Closing Hymn: Breathe on Me Breath of God



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Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Till I am wholly Thine,
Until this earthly part of me
Glows with Thy fire divine.

Author: Edwin Hatch, 1878

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