

Holy Communion – 4th Sunday of Easter, 8 May 2022

Greeting and Introduction

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia

Welcome in the name of Christ! God's grace, mercy and peace be with you
And also with you.

We meet in the presence of God

Who knows our needs, hears our cries, feels our pain, and heals our wounds.

Prayer for Ukraine

Lord of all people and all nations, we lift before you the people of Ukraine and the people of Russia,

Each girl and boy, each woman and man living in fear of what tomorrow might bring.

We long for a time you spoke of through your prophet Isaiah, when weapons of war would be beaten into ploughshares, when nation will no longer lift up sword against nation.

We cry out to you for peace.

Protect those who only desire and deserve to live in security and safety.

Comfort those who fear for their lives and the lives of their loved ones.

Change the hearts of those set on violence and aggression.

Fill earthly leaders with great wisdom to find paths to peace.

Please Lord come and have your way in your world. May your will be done here, on earth as it is in heaven. May your peace reign, now and always.

(We keep a moment of silence)

We lift this prayer to you, our God who is able to do more than we can ever ask or imagine, In the name of Christ our saviour, Amen.

Prayer for Flames

Flames Sunday School: We pray for the children and leaders who go to Flames

Song Come, now is the time to worship

Penitence

In a moment of quiet reflection, let us honestly examine our lives, remembering where our attitudes have been wrong, where love has grown cold, where hurts have not been forgiven, or where cries for help have not been answered.....

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving

We thank you, O God, for you are gracious. You have loved us from the beginning of time and you remember us in times of trouble and of joy.

Your mercy endures for ever.

We thank you, O God, for you came to us in Jesus Christ, who has redeemed the world and saves us from our sins.

Your mercy endures for ever.

We thank you, O God, for you have sent your Holy Spirit, who comforts us and leads us into all truth.

Your mercy endures for ever. Amen.

Song: Once again

The Word of the Lord:

Acts 9: 36-43

Ending with This is the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 10: 22-30

Ending with This is the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Song of response: Psalm 23

Our Belief:

We believe in one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God is love.

We praise God the Father: Who created the universe and keeps it in being.

He has made us his sons and daughters to share his joy, living together in justice and peace, caring for his world and for each other.

We proclaim Jesus Christ, God the Son: Born of Mary, by the power of the Holy Spirit, He became one of us, sharing our life and our death. He made known God's compassion and mercy, giving hope and declaring forgiveness of sin, offering healing and wholeness to all.

By his death on the cross and by his resurrection He has triumphed over evil. Jesus is Lord of life and of all creation.

We trust God the Holy Spirit: Who unites us to Christ and gives life to the Church; Who brings us to repentance and assures us of forgiveness. The Spirit guides us in our understanding of the bible, renews us in the sacraments and calls us to serve God in the world.

We rejoice in the gift of eternal life: We have sure and certain hope of resurrection through Christ, and we look for his coming again to judge the world. Then all things will be made new and creation will rejoice in worshipping the Father, through the Son, in the power of the Spirit, one God, blessed for ever.

Amen. *(Church of Scotland)*

Prayers

The Peace

Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. *(Romans 5:1)*

The peace of the Lord be always with you: **And also with you.**

We offer one another a sign of peace.

Communion Preparation Hymn: There is a Redeemer

The Communion

The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Father, you made the world and love your creation. You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our saviour. His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death. And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you, and saying:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life: Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.
Amen.

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

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.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

During Communion you have an opportunity for prayers to be offered. Please go to those who will pray with you, if you wish.

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Notices

Hymn: Blessed assurance

Concluding Prayer, Blessing and Dismissal:

Lord, we have broken your bread. We have received your life. By the power of your Spirit keep us always in your love.

The blessing of

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.