

Holy Communion – 6th Sunday of Easter, 22 May 2022

Greeting and Introduction

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia

Prayer for Flames

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

Blessing God

As the planet turns new voices wake to sing God's praise, and earth is circled with an unending chain of prayer.

Blessed be the unchanging God, who already was in the beginning, who is at this moment, and who will be for ever. Amen.

It was God who drew this day into light from darkness:

Blessed be God.

It is through God that we find ourselves living to see it:

Blessed be God.

It is with God that the richness of possibility unfolds:

Blessed be God.

For it is in God that we and all creation are held and cherished:

Blessed be God.

Song: Blessed be your name

Acknowledging our weakness

You ask for my hands, that you might use them for your purpose.

I gave them for a moment, then withdrew them, for the work was too hard.

You ask for my mouth to speak out against injustice.

I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused.

**You ask for my eyes to see the pain of poverty.
I closed them, for I did not want to see.**

**You ask for my life, that you might work through me.
I gave a small part, that I might not get too involved.**

Lord, forgive my calculated efforts to serve you – only when it is convenient for me to do so, only in those places where it is safe to do so, and only with those who make it easy to do so.

Father, forgive me, renew me, send me out as a usable instrument, that I might take seriously the meaning of your cross. Amen.

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

Praise – Psalm 67

ALL: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine on us

WOMEN: so that your ways may be known on earth

MEN: your salvation among all nations.

ALL: May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.

WOMEN: May the nations be glad and sing for joy

MEN: for your rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth.

ALL: May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.

WOMEN: The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us.

MEN: May God bless us still, so that the ends of the earth will fear him.

***Song:* Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven**

The Word of the Lord:

Revelation 21:10 & 22:1-5

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 5:1-9

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

Sermon

Song of response: My hope is built on nothing less

Our Belief:

We believe in one God, the Almighty, creator of heaven and earth, source of all life and all love.

We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, fully God, fully human, Saviour of the world, the risen King of kings.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the very breath and power of God, sustainer of our life in Christ.

We believe in the church, Christ's body, God's family for the spiritually homeless, called to be Love and Light, to pursue justice and show mercy, to proclaim the Good News of Christ, to work for the common good of humanity. Amen.

Prayers

The Peace

Christ our Saviour comes to each of us and gives us that peace which the world cannot give.

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

We offer one another a sign of peace.

Communion Preparation Hymn: This is amazing grace

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.**

Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation; to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things and all your works echo the silent music of your praise. In the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all creation.

You gave us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise:

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.

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own.

When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary, to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than death he opened wide his arms on the cross.

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

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, 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.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free. You are the Saviour of the world.

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son. As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory. Bring us at the last with all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendour for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours 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

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.

Your Kingdom Come and other notices

Hymn: To God be the glory

Blessing and Dismissal:

The goodness of the Father go with you. The love of the Saviour lead you. The grace of the Spirit guide you.
And the blessing ...

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.