

Sunday 9th May 2021
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Reading 1: Acts 10: 44 - end

Gospel: John 15: 9 - 17

Let us pause for a moment to bring ourselves and all that we offer to God and give Him thanks.

Proclamation:

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed, Alleluia.

Grace mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm: 98

O sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvellous things.

His right hand and his holy arm
have gained him victory.

²The LORD has made known his victory;
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

³He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.

⁴Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

⁵Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.

⁶With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who live in it.

⁸Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy

⁹at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming
to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

Song: (*click link*) Sing To The Lord (Banner); <https://youtu.be/69OEHJOEvuA>

Invitation to Confession:

Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

Confession:

Almighty God,
long-suffering and of great goodness:
I confess to you,
I confess with my whole heart
my neglect and forgetfulness of your
commandments,
my wrong doing, thinking, and speaking;
the hurts I have done to others,
and the good I have left undone.
O God, forgive me, for I have sinned against you;
and raise me to newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Absolution:

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse us from our sins
and restore us in His image
to the praise and glory of His name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessed be the Lord
for he has heard the voice of our prayer;
Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy
and in our song will we praise our God.

Reading 1: Acts 10: 44 – end

⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵ The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶ for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷ 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' ⁴⁸ So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of

Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel: John 15: 9 – 17

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹² 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶ You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷ I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

This is the gospel of the Lord. Praise be to you, O Christ.

Talk: (click link) <https://youtu.be/tMc1JhUmDC8>

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

The Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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

Heavenly Father, we want to thank you for the world that you have created.
Help us to be aware of our responsibility to look after that which you have made.
Lord in your mercy;
hear our prayer.

As we pray for our world, so we pray for those that make decisions on our behalf;
we pray for the world leaders to make right choices as we progress through the coronavirus
pandemic; help them to make joint decisions for the wellbeing of all people.
We pray specifically today for.....
Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In our own country we pray for our Queen and for her government,
we ask, Lord, for your wisdom to reign in the hearts of our sovereign and politicians,
that they may heed advice to ease us from lockdown in a measured way that will dispel fear and
promote safety.
Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We are so thankful that we can meet together again, so we pray for the church leaders, our
Archbishops and Bishops, as they meet to discuss the ways that churches can reach those who
are still isolated. Give them, our church leaders and all church leaders, discernment gifts to bring
the church together to worship you. Unite us Lord in praise of who you are.
Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for our local area; all those churches on the Dengie peninsula.
Draw people we pray, to worship you our living God,
we ask that your Holy Spirit moves the hearts of the residents of this deanery,
and that we will see many lives changed for your glory.
Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We bring before you today, those who are on our hearts for prayer, and those that we do not
know, yet you know.
Bring your healing, both physically and spiritually, that they may know the goodness of our God.
We pray especially for

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

And we pray for each other, that we will grow in knowledge and love of you,
our heavenly father.

Merciful Father,
accept the prayers of your people
for the sake of your Son

our saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Collect:

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen

Silence is kept.

Lord's Prayer:

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
and 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 forever. Amen.

Song: (*click link*) Build My Life; https://youtu.be/QZW4_8_zCBE

Blessing:

May God the Father,
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen us to walk with Him in his risen life.....

.....and the blessing of God almighty;
Father Son and Holy Spirit,
be with us, and remain with us
and all those whom we love,
now and forever.
Amen.

*As we come to the end of this service we can fellowship with each other in Spirit, with tea, coffee
and biscuits, and continuing to pray for each other.*

Post something on the Facebook page to bless others.