

## Service of Morning Prayer.

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May. Sixth Sunday of Easter  
(Sunday before Ascension Day)

**All Saints at all times and in all seasons,  
committed to being a church  
of Up (worship & prayer),  
In (deep community & lifelong discipleship),  
and Out, (service of others & evangelism).**

### The Gathering of God's People

Welcome by Revd Grant

*As I enter worship and prayer now,  
I pause to be still, I re-center my scattered senses  
upon the presence of the living God...*

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

**All and also with you.**

*The Easter candle is lit.*

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,  
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.



Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

I trust that my life will bring honour to Christ,  
whether I live or die. For to me living means living  
for Christ, and dying is even better. But if I live, I  
can do more fruitful work for Christ. *(cf Phil 1:20-22)*

## Song

We have come together, the people of God,  
drawn by his Spirit, longing for his word,  
to praise the holy name of the Lord,  
to share his glorious news of grace,  
to pray our needs and the pain of the world,  
to rejoice in his love and be sent in his peace.

## Prayers of Penitence

Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to  
God. Let us renew our resolve to have done with  
all that is evil, and confess our sins  
in penitence and faith. *(cf Romans 6:10)*

## Silence

**All Lord God,  
we have sinned against you;  
we have done evil in your sight.  
We are sorry and repent.  
Have mercy on us according to your love.  
Wash away our wrongdoing  
and cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us  
and restore us to the joy of your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

*(cf Psalm 51)*

*The minister declares God's forgiveness*  
May the God of love and power  
forgive you and free you from your sins.  
Heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,  
and raise you to new life  
in Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

Blessed is the Lord,

**All for he has heard the voice of our prayer;**

therefore shall our hearts dance for joy

**All and in our song will we praise our God.**

## Prayer of thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Lord our God,  
the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
to you be glory and praise for ever.  
From the deep waters of death  
you brought your people to new birth  
by raising your Son to life in triumph.  
Through him, dark death has been destroyed  
and radiant life is everywhere restored.  
As you call us out of darkness  
into his marvelous light,  
may our lives reflect his glory  
and our lips repeat the endless song.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:  
**All Blessed be God for ever.**

The night has passed,  
and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept.*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day and new week, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **Proclaiming and Receiving the Word**

*We open our ears to hear God's Word  
and our hearts to yield to His will once again.*

### **Psalm 13**

*For some of us, the challenge of the Corona pandemic, are not the difficulties we face, but we had a time in mind when it would all be normal again, yet that time has now come and gone and we find that hard...  
How Long, Lord, til things return...*

- <sup>1</sup> How long, LORD? Will you forget me forever?  
How long will you hide your face from me?
- <sup>2</sup> How long must I wrestle with my thoughts  
and day after day have sorrow in my heart?  
How long will my enemy triumph over me?
- <sup>3</sup> Look on me and answer, LORD my God.  
Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death,
- <sup>4</sup> and my enemy will say, "I have overcome him,"  
and my foes will rejoice when I fall.
- <sup>5</sup> But I trust in your unfailing love;  
my heart rejoices in your salvation.
- <sup>6</sup> I will sing the LORD's praise,  
for he has been good to me.

**All**     **Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now,  
and ever shall be, world without end.**

**Amen.**

**New Testament:** Acts 17:16-31

This is the word of the Lord.

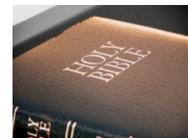
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### **Song**

**Gospel:** John 14: 15-26

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*Canticle: The Easter Anthems (say together)*

- <sup>1</sup> Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us:  
so let us celebrate the feast,
- <sup>2</sup> not with the old leaven of corruption  
and wickedness:  
but with the unleavened bread  
of sincerity and truth. *1 Corinthians 5.7b, 8*
- <sup>3</sup> Christ once raised from the dead dies no more:  
death has no more dominion over him.
- <sup>4</sup> In dying he died to sin once for all:  
in living he lives to God.
- <sup>5</sup> See yourselves therefore as dead to sin:  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Romans 6.9-11*
- <sup>6</sup> Christ has been raised from the dead:  
the first fruits of those who sleep.
- <sup>7</sup> For as by man came death:  
by man has come also  
the resurrection of the dead;
- <sup>8</sup> for as in Adam all die:  
even so in Christ shall all be made alive. *1 Corinthians 15.20-22*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
As it was in the beginning is now  
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**Sermon** (*there will be an audio file available as well*)

### **Song**

## The Apostles Creed

We declare our faith.

**All** 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

## The Prayers of the People

Intercessions

Response: Lord, in your mercy

**All** Hear our prayer



### Thanksgiving for the offerings to All Saints

Gracious God, accept our financial gifts  
And with them our lives  
To be used in your service,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Collects

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from  
the power of darkness and brought us into the  
kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death  
he has recalled us to life,  
so by his continual presence in us  
he may raise us to eternal joy;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
thank you that you long to pour out the gift of  
your Holy Spirit upon all who will receive. Please  
forgive me for the times I have grieved your Holy  
Spirit or refused to allow him to rule in my life.  
Please forgive me for the times I have been afraid  
of your Spirit and not trusted your love.  
Today, I ask you to pour your Spirit into my life.  
Help me to know your love in my life, to  
experience your peace and joy and give me  
power boldly to proclaim your gospel. **Amen.**

Rejoicing in the new creation, let us pray ...

**All** Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## Going out as God's People

Church Life Announcements

### Final Song

#### Blessing

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**All** He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

God, who through the resurrection  
of our Lord Jesus Christ, has given us the victory,  
give you joy and peace in your faith.  
And the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit  
be upon you and now and forever. **Amen.**

*We finish with praying the grace together...*

**All** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all this day and evermore. **Amen**