



Service of Morning Prayer.

Sunday 24th May. Seventh Sunday of Easter
(Sunday after 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!

If you love me, you will obey what I command. And I
will ask the Father, and he will give you another
Counsellor to be with you for ever – the Spirit of
Truth.

(John 14:15-17)

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 Creator God,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
As your Spirit moved over the face of the waters
Bringing light and life to your creation,
Pour out your Spirit on us today
That we may walk as children of light,
And by your grace reveal your presence.
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 42

- ¹ As the deer pants for streams of water,
so my soul pants for you, my God.
- ² My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
When can I go and meet with God?
- ³ My tears have been my food
day and night,
while people say to me all day long,
“Where is your God?”
- ⁴ These things I remember
as I pour out my soul:
how I used to go to the house of God
under the protection of the Mighty One
with shouts of joy and praise
among the festive throng.
- ⁵ Why, my soul, are you downcast?
Why so disturbed within me?
Put your hope in God,
for I will yet praise him,
my Savior and my God.
- ⁶ My soul is downcast within me;
therefore I will remember you
from the land of the Jordan,
the heights of Hermon—from Mount Mizar.
- ⁷ Deep calls to deep
in the roar of your waterfalls;
all your waves and breakers
have swept over me.
- ⁸ By day the LORD directs his love,
at night his song is with me—
a prayer to the God of my life.
- ⁹ I say to God my Rock,
“Why have you forgotten me?
Why must I go about mourning,
oppressed by the enemy?”
- ¹⁰ My bones suffer mortal agony
as my foes taunt me,
saying to me all day long,
“Where is your God?”
- ¹¹ Why, my soul, are you downcast?

Why so disturbed within me?
Put your hope in God,
for I will yet praise him,
my Savior and my God

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 1:6-14

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Song

Gospel: John 17:1-26

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Canticle (*we say together*)

All nations shall come and worship you, O Christ,
and share in the feast of your kingdom.

1 Great and wonderful are your deeds,
Lord God the Almighty.

2 Just and true are your ways,
O ruler of the nations.

3 Who shall not revere
and praise your name, O Lord?
for you alone are holy.

4 All nations shall come
and worship in your presence:
for your just dealings have been revealed.

Revelation 15:3-4

To the One who sits on the throne
and to the Lamb
be blessing and honour and glory and might,
for ever and ever. Amen.

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and share in the feast of your kingdom.

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



Song

The Apostles Creed

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

Lord Jesus Christ,
thank you that you long to pour out the gift of
your Holy Spirit upon us. 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.**

Risen, ascended Lord,
As we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church
on earth with power and compassion, that all
who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness
and know your peace, to the glory of God the
Father. In your name we ask. **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**