

**A morning service during the Covid-19 restrictions
Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 17, 2020**



65 Jesus, where'er thy people meet

Jesus, where'er thy people meet, there they behold thy mercy seat;
where'er they seek thee thou art found, and every place is hallowed ground.

For thou, within no walls confined, inhabitest the humble mind;
such ever bring thee where they come, and going take thee to their home.

Here may we prove the power of prayer to strengthen faith and sweeten care;
to teach our faint desires to rise, and bring all heaven before our eyes.

Lord, we are few, but thou art near; nor short thine arm, nor deaf thine ear;
O rend the heavens, come quickly down, and make a thousand hearts thine own.

William Cowper 1731-1800

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed: O come, let us worship

Christ our Passover

1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

Alleluia!

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us,*
therefore let us keep the feast.

Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil,*
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia!

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;*
death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all,*
but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia!

Christ has been raised from the dead,*
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since by man came death,*
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die,*
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia!

The Psalm for the day

Psalm 66:7-18

The Readings for the day:

Acts 17:22-31, 1Peter 3:13-22, John 14:15-21

A reflection on the readings



139 How firm a foundation

How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord is laid for your faith in his excellent word
what more can he say that to you he hath said, to you who to Jesus for refuge have fled?

'Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand.'

'When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply:
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design they dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose I will not - I will not desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake, I'll never - no, never - no, never forsake.

R. Keen c1787

Hear, O Israel

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind, and with all your strength.

This is the first and the great commandment, the second is like it:

Love your neighbour as you love yourself.

There is no commandment greater than these.

Prayers

Please remember Karen, Geri, Doe, Thelma, the Anzil household, nursing homes coping with a
Covid-19 outbreak, and let us give thanks for the health care and emergency response workers
in our city (see below for a form of prayer)

The Collect for the day

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you riches beyond imagination. Pour into
our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen..

The Lord's Prayer



#19 Joyful, joyful we adore thee

Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee, centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Henry van Dyke 1852-1933

Dismissal

Then may be said or sung,

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God, Alleluia!**

A form of prayer which can be used during the Easter season

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(In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying, "Hear us, Lord of glory!")

That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his holy and life-giving resurrection, let us pray to the Lord. **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the Easter gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That he may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That by his power wars and famine may cease through all the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak, and the dying, that they may be comforted and strengthened, let us pray to the Lord. **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, let us pray to the Lord. **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

General Thanksgiving Prayers

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory throughout all ages. **Amen.**