HOLY COMMUNION
5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8 May 2020
Hymn

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.
      Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
      endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting;
      Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
      endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:
      Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
      endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

E.L. Budry 1854-1932
translated R.B. Hoyle 1875-1939
Tune Maccabaeus G.F. Handel 1685-1759
AMNR 428
The Greeting

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Alleluia! Christ is risen:
he is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Prayers of Penitence

Jesus Christ, risen master and triumphant Lord,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,
and not by the power of your resurrection.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
as faithless and not believing.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone,
and doubted our home in heaven.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord, hear us and help us.

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.
Amen.
Gloria in Excelsis


The Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

Let us pray God to renew us in the glory of the risen Christ.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.
The Liturgy of the Word

Gospel Acclamation

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one; I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

Revelation 1.17, 18

The Alleluias are repeated

The Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. Glory to you, O Lord.

‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.’

Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.’
Philip said to him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

John 14.1-14

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Address

The Revd Helen Orr
The Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith
in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe
Amen.

1 Corinthians 15.3-7

The Prayers of Intercession

Led by Helen Bryant

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples
and said, ‘Peace be with you.’
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia!

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you. Alleluia!
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.**

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
From sunrise to sunset this day is holy,
for Christ has risen from the tomb
and scattered the darkness of death
with light that will not fade.
This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people,
unfolds for us your word,
and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread.
And so, with choirs of angels
and with all the heavenly host,
we proclaim your glory
and join their unending song of praise:

*Everyone sings (to the tune ‘Slane’)*

**Holy, most holy, all holy the Lord,**
**In power and wisdom for ever adored.**
**The earth and the heavens are full of your love;**
**Our joyful hosannas re-echo above.**
We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them 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.

Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus. **Dying you destroyed our death. Rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people, 
gather us in your loving arms 
and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. 
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, 
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, 
all honour and glory are yours, 
O loving Father, for ever and ever. 
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Risen Saviour taught us, so we pray

Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

The Breaking of the Bread

Lord, we died with you on the cross. 
**Now we are raised to new life.**
We were buried in your tomb. 
**Now we share in your resurrection.**
Live in us, 
that we may live in you.

The Invitation to Communion

Alleluia! Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: 
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**
SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

You may wish to make an act of spiritual communion at this point, using one or more of the following prayers:

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

After St Richard of Chichester

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your disciples, ‘I am with you always’. Be with me today, as I offer myself to you. Hear my prayers for others and for myself, and keep me in your care. Amen.

O God, help me to trust you, help me to know that you are with me, help me to believe that nothing can separate me from your love revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
The Prayers after Communion

Let us pray for grace to follow our Risen Saviour.
in the power of Christ’s resurrection.

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and fo ever.
Amen.

The Dismissal

The Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen:
he is risen indeed. Alleluia!

God the Father,
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen!

We know that we are raised to new life in Christ.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou art the Way: by thee alone
From sin and death we flee;
And he who would the father seek
Must seek him, Lord, by thee.

Thou art the Truth: thy Word alone
True wisdom can impart;
Thou only canst inform the mind
And purify the heart.

Thou art the Life: the rending tomb
Proclaims thy conquering arm;
And those who put their trust in thee
Nor death nor hell shall harm.

Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life:
Grant us that Way to know,
That Truth to keep, that life to win,
whose joys eternal flow.

G.W Doane 1799-1859
Tune St James R. Courteville 1697
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