

ALL SAINTS CHURCH
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
SUNDAY 2ND MAY 2021

GATHERING

Hymn

Alleluia, Alleluia! hearts to heaven and voices raise;
sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise:
he who on the Cross a victim for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ the King of glory, now is risen from the dead.

Christ is risen, we are risen; shed upon us heavenly grace,
rain and dew, and gleams of glory from the brightness of thy face;
that we, Lord, with hearts in heaven, here on earth may fruitful be,
and by angel-hands be gathered, and be ever safe with thee.

Alleluia, Alleluia, glory be to God on high;
to the Father and the Saviour, who has gained the victory;
glory to the Holy Spirit, fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluia, Alleluia, to the Triune Majesty.

Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885)

Greeting

✠In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Alleluia! Christ is risen

He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Rite of Sprinkling

God our Father, your gift of water brings life and freshness to the earth;
in baptism it is a sign of the washing away of our sins and the gift of life eternal.
Sanctify this water, we pray. Renew the living spring of your life within us,
that we may be free from sin and filled with your saving health;
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Water of life, cleanse and refresh us, raise us to life in Christ Jesus

Dying with Christ, so we shall rise with him,
death shall no longer have pow'r over us.

Water of life, cleanse and refresh us, raise us to life in Christ Jesus

All you who thirst, come to the waters,
and you shall never be thirsty again.

Water of life, cleanse and refresh us, raise us to life in Christ Jesus

Priest 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

(Setting of the Mass: Thorne)

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory,
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father. Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer.
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.

For you alone are the holy one, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the most high Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit
in the glory of God the Father.
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.

Collect

Let us pray:

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, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Acts 8:26-40

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.' The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

Psalm 22 (25-32)

The leader says the verses in plain type and the congregation responds with the verses in bold type.

25. My praise is of thee in the great congregation:
my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him.
26. **The poor shall eat and be satisfied: they that seek after the Lord shall praise him, your heart shall live for ever.**
27. All the ends of the world shall remember themselves and be turned unto the Lord: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him.
28. **For the kingdom is the Lord's:
and he is the Governor among the people.**

29. All such as be fat upon earth : have eaten and worshipped.
30. **All they that go down into the dust shall kneel before him:
and no man hath quickened his own soul.**
31. My seed shall serve him:
they shall be counted unto the Lord for a generation.
32. **They shall come, and the heavens shall declare his
righteousness: unto a people that shall be born whom the Lord
hath made.**

Second Reading | *John 4:7-21*

A reading from the first letter of John

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God,' and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand and turn to face the reader

Alleluia, alleluia.

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

Gospel Reading

John 15: 1-8

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

✠✠✠Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.'

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Sermon

Fr Alex Barrow

Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us, and for our salvation he came down from heaven; was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Intercessions

The following responses are used:

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Merciful Father
**Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Please exchange a sign of peace if you are able

Offertory Hymn

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion
Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee:
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

And also with you

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 indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works. For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in men and women the image of your glory. He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal. And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness, while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory,

hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,

hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: 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.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith.
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

With the Risen Christ among us, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.**

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

Communion

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

For the time being Holy Communion will be brought to you in your places, in one kind (the Host) only. If you'd like to receive Holy Communion, please stand if you are able; if you'd prefer not to, please remain sitting or kneeling, with your arms crossed over your chest, to indicate your intention to those distributing Holy Communion.

Communion Anthem

O taste and see

Goss

Post-Communion Prayers

Merciful 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 for ever. **Amen.**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Notices

Blessing

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

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ, alleluia, alleluia!
Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!

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