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Praise and Thanksgiving

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He has given us new life and hope.

He has raised Jesus from the dead.

God has claimed us as his own.

He has brought us out of darkness.

He has made us light to the world.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

We listen to our final hymn

The Blessing and Dismissal Closing Prayer

God of our salvation, you have restored us to life, you have brought us back again into your love by the triumphant death and resurrection of Christ.

Continue to heal us, as we go to live and work in the power of your Holy Spirit, to your praise and glory.

May the blessing of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon us always.

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ, Amen.

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Team Service of the Word for Sunday 2nd May 2021 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Gathering

Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." John:19

The light and peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

All: Let us rejoice and sing God's praise for

ever.

We listen to our first hymn

Opening Prayer

All: Faithful one, whose word is life, come with saving power to free our praise, inspire our prayer and shape our lives for the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Confession

We say sorry to God for our wrongdoings:

Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.

Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a true and sincere heart.

All:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.

We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name.

Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

May the God of love and power forgive us and free us from our sins, heal and strengthen us by his Spirit, and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

We listen to our second hymn

Ministry of the Word

Readings

Acts 8:26-end and John 15: 1-8

At the end of each reading.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Address

The Creed

Please remain seated.

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit as we say together:

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 in to 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.

We listen to our third hymn

The Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

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 continuing 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 forever.

All: Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Merciful Father,

All: accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Trusting in the compassion of our God, we say the contemporary version of the Lord's Prayer together:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

The Peace

The president introduces the peace.

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said "Peace be with you."

Then they were glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

May the peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**