

WORSHIP - 7th SUNDAY OF EASTER - 16 MAY 2021

*Today we have physical services in our churches at 10 am and we meet on Zoom at 11.30 - the link is on the website.
This is the Order of Service that is based on the Zoom service.*

Hymn - Rejoice, the Lord is King - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aDFAv0eh-s8>

Alleluia, Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Grace, mercy and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, be with you. **And also with you.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

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.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gloria – Mass of St Cedd, Peter Nardone - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lf1F6G0Iuas>

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.
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.
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. **Amen.**

The Collect

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us
to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

New Testament reading - Acts 1.15-17,21-end - *is printed on the blue noticesheet*

Hymn - The head that once was crowned with thorns - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LpzoSWoaSso>

Gospel - John 17.6-19 - *is printed on the blue noticesheet*

Address - sermons from Peter and from Julie are on the website

The Nicene 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.

Anthem – What wondrous love is this - I can't find the version by Philip Moore that we are using on the Zoom service, but here is another version - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HhTQ7dAAfBg>

Prayers of Intercession, led by Matt Cooper

Thank you Lord, for the Gospel and for this morning's reading which reminds us of the importance of prayer both individually and as a group. In prayer we open our hearts to you Lord in the certain knowledge of your everlasting presence.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, we pray as one people for all who are affected by coronavirus, through sickness, isolation, loss or fear. We thank you for our NHS and the availability of medication, vaccines, and care. We pray for those who do not have access to medical care or cannot afford it. We pray for those who are sick in body, mind or spirit. Bless all that is being done for their recovery and answer our prayers as you see best. We hold in our hearts all those who mourn the loss of a loved one, bring them peace in the knowledge of your presences as they come to terms with their loss.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As restrictions lift we thank you for our friends and family and pray that all people will act with wisdom and care. Through actions all people we pray that all the COVID variants are contained and curtailed. Guide us to enjoy the lifting of restrictions in safety; for ourselves and those around us.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

This week has seen more suffering and pain Lord but not only at the hands of an invisible virus. We hold in our hearts all those affected by the conflict between Israel and Palestine and those in authority on all sides. We pray that a peaceful resolution may be found to the current violence. Lord we pray for all people living in areas of unrest, we pray for all refugees, risking their lives, separated from loved ones and forgotten by society. We pray for all who are marginalised and discriminated against and that our hearts and minds may be open to them.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Dear Lord, thank you for the beauties we see every day around us, the colourful early summer flowers, the song of birds and the life-giving rain. Help us to notice and appreciate the wonders of this world as we go about our daily lives. We pray also that you will guide us Lord to protect this world in whatever ways you see best.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We bring our prayers together as we pray the prayer that Jesus taught us:

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.

Hymn - Crown him with many crowns - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s7OCs0d_4vM

The Blessing

Christ our exalted King pour upon you his abundant gifts and bring you to reign with him in glory. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Final music - Mission, *Ennio Morricone* - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s7w-IeNR9ko>

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