

Morning Prayer: May 17th; Sixth Sunday of Easter

Call to Worship

We gather in the presence of the one God, who is mysterious and incomprehensible and yet knowable, by the spirit and through the son. Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

We have come together in the name of Christ to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive God's holy word, to pray for the needs of the world, and to seek the forgiveness of our sins, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to the service of God.

Confession

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'
So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to
your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and
cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your
salvation; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.**

Absolution

Blessed is the Lord,
**for he has heard the voice of
our prayer;**

therefore shall our hearts dance for joy
**and in our song will we praise our
our God.**

Hymn (lead by the choir)

*Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim though this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore.*

*Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through;
strong Deliverer,
be thou still my Strength and Shield.*

*When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee.*

Opening prayer

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever.

Amen.

The Word of God **Acts Chapter 17:22-31**

At the end

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God**

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God above us,
Creator of all things, sustainer of all life.

We believe in Christ beside us,
Companion and friend, redeemer of all the broken pieces of our universe.

We believe in Spirit deep within us,
Advocate and guide, who lives with us eternally.

We believe in God's resurrection created world,

Where all things are fixed, and all creation fits together in vibrant harmonies.

We believe in God above, beside, within,
**God yesterday, today and forever,
- We believe in God.**

Intercessions are offered.

The response to: Lord in your Mercy

Is: **Hear our Prayer**

Intercessions conclude with:

Merciful father, Accept these prayers for the sake of your son, Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, Amen.

The Collect

Immortal, invisible God

You are present in your creation and known by your spirit:

Grant that through your son we may know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly

Amen

The Lord's Prayer

***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.***

Notices

Hymn: Immortal, invisible,

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious,
the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious,
Thy great Name we praise.

To all, life Thou givest,
to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish
as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish –
but naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory,
pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee,
all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render;
O help us to see
'Tis only the splendour
of light hideth Thee!

The Blessing

The Dismissal

With the risen life of Christ within you,
go in the peace of Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.