

## **A SHORTENED FORM OF MORNING PRAYER – 10<sup>th</sup> May 2020 – Easter 5**

*(Using the Book of Common Prayer - BCP)*

**Introduction and Opening Hymn 115 Thou art the Way, to thee alone**

### **The Easter Greeting**

Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

### **A Sentence of Scripture**

*Blessed by the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3*

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Beloved in Christ, today we offer to Almighty God our worship and praise and thanksgiving, to confess our sins and to receive God's forgiveness, to hear his holy word proclaimed, to bring before him our needs and the needs of the world, and to pray that in the power of his Spirit we may serve him and know the greatness of his love.

### **A Prayer of Penitence**

**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; by what we have done and by what we have failed to do. 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.**

### **The Absolution**

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

O Lord, open our lips: **and our mouth will proclaim your praise**

O God, make speed to help us: **O Lord make haste to help us.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:

**As it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever, Amen**

Praise the Lord: **The Lord's name be praised.**

### **Psalm 31**

1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;

let me never be put to shame; ◆

deliver me in your righteousness.

2 Incline your ear to me; ◆

make haste to deliver me.

3 Be my strong rock, a fortress to save me,

for you are my rock and my stronghold; ◆

guide me, and lead me for your name's sake.

4 Take me out of the net

that they have laid secretly for me, ◆

for you are my strength.

- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, ◆  
for you have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.
- 15 'My times are in your hand; ◆  
deliver me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.
- 16 'Make your face to shine upon your servant, ◆  
and save me for your mercy's sake.'

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
**as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 Peter 2: 2-10**

<sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— <sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup>Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and <sup>5</sup>like living stones, let yourselves be built\* into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in scripture:

'See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious;  
and whoever believes in him\* will not be put to shame.'

<sup>7</sup>To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner',

<sup>8</sup>and

'A stone that makes them stumble,  
and a rock that makes them fall.'

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people,\* in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

<sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God's people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## CANTICLE : Hymn 712 Tell out my soul

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **John 14: 1-14**

'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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

### Thought for the Day

#### **Apostles' Creed**

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I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again 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.

**Hymn 660 Thine for ever, God of love**

## Prayers

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The Lord be with you; **and also, with you.**

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy; **Christ, have mercy.** Lord, have mercy.

**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.**

Show us your mercy, O Lord; **and grant us your salvation.**

N.I. [O Lord, save the Queen; **and grant her government wisdom.**]

R.I. [O Lord, guide and defend our rulers; **and grant our government wisdom.**]

Let your ministers be clothed with righteousness; **and let your servants shout for joy.**

O Lord, save your people; **and bless those whom you have chosen.**

Give peace in our time, O Lord; **and let your glory be over all the earth.**

O God, make clean our hearts within us; **and renew us by your Holy Spirit.**

## THE COLLECTS

### Collect of the Fifth Sunday of Easter

Lord of all life and power,  
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son  
overcame the old order of sin and death  
to make all things new in him:  
Grant that we, being dead to sin  
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,  
may reign with him in glory;  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be praise and honour, glory and might,  
now and in all eternity. Amen

### Collect

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord,  
to know you is eternal life, and to serve you is perfect freedom:  
Defend us in all assaults of our enemies,  
that we, surely trusting in your protection,  
may not fear the power of any adversaries;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being:  
We humbly pray that your holy Spirit may so guide and govern us,  
That in all the cares and occupations of our daily life,  
We may never forget your presence,  
But may remember that we are always walking in your sight,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

## INTERCESSIONS

## Hymn 643 Be thou my vision

### Ending *BCP – page 116*

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. **Amen.** Romans 15: 13

### Blessing

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, raise you up to walk with him in the newness of his risen life: ....

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Amen**