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Sixth Sunday of Easter

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## Hymn

**In Christ alone my hope is found,  
he is my light, my strength, my song;  
this cornerstone, this solid ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all,  
here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone, who took on flesh,  
fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
scorned by the ones he came to save:  
'till on that cross as Jesus died,  
the love of God was magnified  
for every sin on him was laid,  
here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground his body lay,  
light of the world by darkness slain:  
then bursting forth in glorious day  
up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
for I am his and he is mine -  
bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
this is the power of Christ in me;  
from life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
can ever pluck me from his hand:  
'till he returns or calls me home,  
here in the power of Christ I'll stand.**

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**All Amen.**

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

**All and also with you.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

## **Prayer of Preparation**

**All 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.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

**All 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**

### **Reading**

*Please sit for the reading. At the end the reader says*

For the gift of you holy word

**All Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn

**In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!  
Look to God, do not be afraid;  
lift up your voices the Lord is near,  
lift up your voices: the Lord is near.**

## The Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty'

**All Alleluia.**

Here the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

*And at the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**All Praise to you O Christ.**

## Sermon

### The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### Prayers of Intercession

To the words 'Lord hear us' would you please respond 'Lord graciously hear us.' and at the end

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

## Prayers of Penitence

Creator God, you have planted the seed of love in our hearts, in our souls, in our lives. We long for the brightness of your presence drawing ever closer to you and to one another, as we join with your people at all times, in all places to worship and to serve.

**All We confess those frequent times when we have been stony ground, too hard to value the tiny seed, the generous smile, the heartfelt word.**

**Women You grow us into community.**

**Men You grow us into community.**

**All You grow us into community.**

Pause for silent reflection

**All We confess those frequent times when we have been stony ground, too hard to see beyond our selfish desires and for tacitly accepting a world that smothers the dreams of those with less power and wealth.**

Creator God, once again, you have planted the seed of love in our hearts, in our souls, in our lives. We draw near today, know that your sins are forgiven, a forgiveness which waters the seed and nurtures us with the power of your Spirit to grow, to flourish and to bear the fruit of your justice now and forevermore.

**All Amen.**

The children join us from their worship and the notices are given.

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

### The Peace

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

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you. Alleluia.

**All and also with you. Alleluia.**

Let us share a sign of peace with one another.

**Hymn** *(during which the collection will be taken. If you are UK tax payer please consider placing your donation in the gift aid envelopes in the pews and filling out the details, this is a real help to us. There is a contactless giving machine available as you leave Church if you would prefer to give in this way)*

**Beauty for brokenness,  
hope for despair,  
Lord, in your suffering world  
this is our prayer.  
Bread for the children,  
justice, joy, peace,  
sunrise to sunset,  
your kingdom increase!**

**Shelter for fragile lives,  
cures for their ills,  
work for the craftsmen,  
trade for their skills;  
land for the dispossessed,  
rights for the weak,  
voices to plead the cause  
of those who can't speak.**

*God of the poor,  
friend of the weak,  
give us compassion we pray:  
melt our cold hearts,  
let tears fall like rain;  
come, change our love  
from a spark to a flame.*

**Refuge from cruel wars,  
havens from fear,  
cities for sanctuary,  
freedoms to share.  
Peace to the killing-fields,  
scorched earth to green,  
Christ for the bitterness,  
his cross for the pain.**

**Rest for the ravaged earth,  
oceans and streams  
plundered and poisoned –  
our future, our dreams.  
Lord, end our madness,  
carelessness, greed;  
make us content with  
the things that we need.**

*God of the poor . . .*

**Lighten our darkness,  
breathe on this flame  
until Your justice  
burns brightly again;  
until the nations  
learn of Your ways,  
seek Your salvation  
and bring You their praise.**

*God of the poor . . .*

## **Preparation of the Table**

*The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it*

God, our farmer, you plant the seed, you water the seed, you nourish the seed. You value the widow's mite. You value what we bring today, what we bring today is already yours. Accept these, our offerings and use them to help dreams come true. In this community through this church and in your world through Christian Aid.

**All Amen.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord is here.

**All His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*The president praises God for his mighty acts and all respond*

**All 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.**

*The president recalls the Last Supper*

Great is the mystery of faith

**All Christ has died  
Christ is risen  
Christ will come again.**

*The prayer continues and leads into the doxology, to which all respond*

**All Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**All 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.**

## Breaking of the Bread

*The president breaks the consecrated bread*

Jesus says, I am the bread of life,  
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

**All Lord, our hearts hunger for you;  
give us this bread always.**

## Agnus Dei

**All 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.**

## Giving of Communion

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

**All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*The president and people receive communion. Everyone is very welcome to receive the bread and wine whether you've been baptised or confirmed. At the distribution of the bread and wine these words will be said*

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life

The blood of Christ keep you in eternal life

The communicant replies **Amen.**

After the choir anthem you are welcome to join in with the hymn

**Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,  
slain for us, and we remember,  
the promise made that all who come in faith,  
find forgiveness at the cross.**

*So we share in this bread of life,  
and we drink of his sacrifice  
as a sign of our bonds of peace  
around the table of the King.*

**The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
torn for you, eat and remember;  
the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life.  
Paid the price to make us one.**

*So we share in this bread of life,  
and we drink of his sacrifice  
as a sign of our bonds of love  
around the table of the King.*

**The blood that cleanses ev'ry stain of sin  
shed for you, drink and remember,  
he drained death's cup that all may enter in  
to receive the life of God.**

*So we share in this bread of life,  
and we drink of His sacrifice  
as a sign of our bonds of grace  
around the table of the King.*

**And so with thankfulness and faith we rise  
to respond and to remember  
our call to follow in the steps of Christ  
as his body here on earth,**

*As we share in his suffering  
we proclaim Christ will come again!  
And we'll join in the feast of Heav'n  
around the table of the King.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*The Post-Communion prayer is said*

**All God of our pilgrimage, you have fed us with the bread of  
heaven. Refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our  
journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



The children share their work.

## Hymn

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of his word –  
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;  
his holy name: the Lord, the Mighty One.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!  
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!  
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
to children's children and for evermore!**

## The Dismissal

Go into the world working together for change so that everyone can thrive and share life in its fullness. And in all we do let us show the love of Jesus.

Let us treat everyone with dignity.

**All We will show the love of Jesus.**

Let us stand up for equality.

**All We will show the love of Jesus.**

Let us fight for justice.

**All We will show the love of Jesus.**

and the blessing .....

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

**All In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, alleluia.**

# NOTICES

**REFRESHMENTS**—Tea/coffee/juice and biscuits will be served in the Hall after this service. Everyone is very welcome to join us.

**CONFIRMATION**—We will be welcoming Bishop Toby to St John's Church on Sunday 23rd July at 10am for our Confirmation Service. If your child is Year 7 or above and would like to think about being confirmed please see Canon Sandra after this service. Confirmation is not just for young people, if as an adult you would like to know more please speak to Canon Sandra after this service.

**SOCIAL EVENTS** – as a Parish we run several events in the year so that we come together, have fun and raise some much needed funds for the Parish. A small group of people meet to plan these and we could really do with some extra help. So, if you would like to join us – you don't have to leave your home for these meetings, they are always held on zoom – that would be great, or if you have an idea of an event we would love to work with you to bring your vision/ideas to life! If you want to know more please speak to Canon Sandra or Sara Daniel.

**ST JAMES' CHURCH TOWER**—You may or may not have noticed that work on the lower half of the church tower at St James' has recently been completed. Where before it was painted, now it is tiled. It had become increasingly difficult to find an appropriate durable coating with which to paint the wood protecting it from the elements. We are most grateful to the Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust who awarded us a grant of £1,000 towards the cost of the work. We now have a church tower which looks as if it has always been as it is now!

**CHRISTIAN AID**—This is our charity for May. Christian Aid exists to create a world where everyone can live a full life, free from poverty. During the year 2021 - 2022 Christian Aid reached 1.4m people with their humanitarian programmes, 257 projects were implemented in 14 countries and £7m was raised by supporters to help with humanitarian emergencies. This year's Christian Aid Week (14 – 20 May), celebrates how their partners in Malawi are helping farmers transform their livelihoods using the humble but mighty pigeon pea: a drought-resistant, soil-revitalising, high-protein, low-cost, delicious crop. To donate by BACS into the parish account use the reference CHRISTIANAID, or text CHRISTIANMAY followed by your donation amount to **70085** to give that amount.

**WEDNESDAY COFFEE**— Everyone is welcome to join us on Wednesdays at St James' at 10—12noon.

**MESSY CHURCH** - The next Messy Church is at 4pm on Sunday 21st May in St John's Church Hall. All families are very welcome.

**CORONATION EVENT** – Our Royal Lunch, while watching the Coronation together, was a fantastic way to enjoy the events of last Saturday. There was more than a few Coronation cocktails served from the Galilee bar and great craft activities for the children to enjoy. If you bought a ticket and enjoyed the day, you helped us raise £520.24 for church funds. Thank you to the dedicated team of volunteers who made this day possible – kitchen staff, bar staff, technical support, ticket sales and promotion, shopping, raffle, decorators, table setters. Many thanks also go to James from Burbank Produce Ltd who supplied all the fruit and vegetables.

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