

Third Sunday of Easter: Holy Communion 18th April 2021

Welcome and notices.

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

Hymn 109: Crown him with many crowns.

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 worthy magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen

In baptism we died with Christ, so that as Christ was raised from the dead, we might walk in newness of life. Let us receive new life in him as we confess our sins in penitence and faith. Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord, we come to you in sorrow for our sins, and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength, and not by the power of your resurrection. In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes, as faithless and not believing. In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone, and doubted our home in heaven. In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

Absolution

Gloria

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 for this Sunday

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The first reading from Acts 3: 12-1 (Gill Else)

Hymn 128: Father God I wonder

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John:
Glory to you O Lord.

The Gospel reading from Luke 24: 36b-48 (Debby Jones)

This is the gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn 465: Meekness and Majesty

The Creed

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Prayers (Bernie Dodd)

The Peace

The risen Lord Jesus came and stood among the disciples and said, "Peace be with you," and they were glad when they saw the Lord.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Hymn 989: How deep the Father's love for us.

The Communion

Prayers over the gifts

Yours Lord is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour and the majesty, for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.

The Lord is here **His Spirit is with us**

Lift up your hearts **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give thanks and praise

Father we give you thanks and praise.....for ever praising you and saying **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, hosannah in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosannah in the Highest.**

Lord you are holy indeed....in remembrance of me.

Jesus Christ is Lord.

Lord by your cross and resurrection you have set us free. You are the Saviour of the World

And so Father...all honour and glory be yours almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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. 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.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ

Though we are many we are one body because we all share in one bread.

Draw near with faith, receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for us and his blood when he shed for us. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for us and feed on him in our hearts by faith and with thanksgiving.

Communion is shared.

Father of all we give you thanks and praise that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living he declared your love, gave us grace and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life, we who drink his cup bring life to others, we whom the spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all you children shall be free and the whole earth live to praise your name through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn 496: O for a thousand tongues to sing

Blessing

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.