

24th May 2020: Easter 7
From A Service of the Word
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I PREPARATION

Welcome and Introduction

1 GATHERING

Hymn: Rejoice, the Lord is King

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| <p>1. Rejoice, the Lord is King,
Your Lord and King adore;
Mortals, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore:
<i>Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.</i></p> <p>2. Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains,
He took his seat above:
<i>Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.</i></p> | <p>3. His kingdom cannot fail;
He rules o'er earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus given:
<i>Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.</i></p> <p>4. He sits at God's right hand
Till all his foes submit,
And bow to his command,
And fall beneath his feet:
<i>Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.</i></p> |
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Charles Wesley (1707-88)

2 GREETING

The words in bold are said by all.

Janice Allister is responding on behalf of us all today, but you are invited to also respond at home.

2.1 Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen

2.4 *The Peace*

We meet in Christ's name.
Let us share his peace.

3 PRAYERS OF PENITENCE AND FORGIVENESS

3.1 Return to the Lord, who will have mercy:
to our God, who will richly pardon.

(Isaiah 55.7)

A time of silence is kept.

3.2 Penitential Psalm with Video

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your loving-kindness.

**Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your loving-kindness.**

I know my transgressions:
and my sin is ever before me.

**Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your loving-kindness.**

Purge me from my sin and I shall be pure:
wash me and I shall be clean indeed.

**Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your loving-kindness.**

Create in me a clean heart, O God:
and renew a right spirit within me.

**Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your loving-kindness.**

(From Psalm 51, Music: Neil Birse)

3.5 Prayer of Forgiveness

A short silence is kept before saying

**May the Lord forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are
and direct what we shall be,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(SEC Daily Prayer 1988)

3.6 Response

Blessed is the Lord:
Who has heard the voice of our prayer.

Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy:
And in our song will we praise our God.

(From Psalm 28)

4 Gloria in Excelsis

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
(with God the Son, Jesus Christ, and God the Holy Spirit,
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.**

5 COLLECT OF THE DAY

**O God, the King of Glory, hear our prayer:
that as we believe your Son Jesus Christ
to be exalted with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven;
so also we may know his presence with us now, and to the end of time;
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end. Amen**

II PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

6 READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Acts of the Apostles 1. 6-14 (This is being read by Janet Young)

When the apostles had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'

When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

John 17. 1-11 (This is being read by John Smith)

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do.

So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.

I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the

world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.'

Give thanks to God for this his glorious Gospel.

Praise be to You Christ our Lord.

7 SERMON by Rev Nick Wills

8 Questions for Reflection (Video)

Music: Improvisation on 'Jesus shall reign': Neil Birse

A time of silence

Life in Lockdown:

9 AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in God the Son?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and 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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

III PRAYERS

10 PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Led by Roddy Simson

10.1 *Prayer is offered for the world and its people, for those who suffer and those in need, for the Church and its members.*

In our Year's Mind: Zella Ashford, Doreen Stephen, Merelina Drummond, Mary Miller, Jack Boase, Elizabeth McEntire, Jim McLaren.

10.2 The prayers conclude with the Lord's Prayer.
(Please use the version you are most comfortable with...)

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

**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.
Do not bring us to the
time of trial
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom,
the power
and the glory are yours,
now and for 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.
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.**

11 OFFERING

Generous God,
accept the offering of your people
for the work of your Church,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

IV

CONCLUSION

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ACT OF DEDICATION

12.2

Responsory

This is the day that the Lord has made; *
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
**This is the day that the Lord has made; *
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord.
This is the day that the Lord has made.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
**This is the day that the Lord has made; *
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**Almighty God,
we thank you for the gift of your holy word:
may it be a lantern to our feet,
a light upon our paths,
and a strength to our lives.
Take us and use us to love and serve all people
in the power of the Holy Spirit
and in the name of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(Common Worship)

13 Hymn: Christ Triumphant, ever reigning

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| <p>1. Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King.
Lord of heav'n, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:
<i>Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.</i></p> <p>2. Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
Pow'r and majesty concealing
By your humble birth:
<i>Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.</i></p> | <p>3. Suff'ring servant, scorned, ill-treated,
Victim crucified!
Death is through the cross defeated,
Sinners justified:
<i>Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.</i></p> <p>4. Priestly King, enthroned for ever
High in heav'n above!
Sin and death and hell shall never
Stifle hymns of love:
<i>Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.</i></p> <p>5. So, our hearts and voices raising
Through the ages long,
Ceaselessly upon you gazing,
This shall be our song:
<i>Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.</i></p> |
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John Barnard (b. 1948)

14 DISMISSAL

- 14.1 The Lord be with you.
The Lord bless you. *(Ruth 2.4)*
- 14.2 Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia
- 14.3 **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all, evermore.
Amen.** *(2 Corinthians 13.1)*

