



All Saints', Hertford

ALL THE CHURCH FAMILY SERVICE

Seventh Sunday of Easter 2nd May 2021

(Sunday after Ascension)



We say together the words printed in bold.

Gathering to worship God

Almighty God, your ascended Son has sent us into the world to preach the good news of your kingdom: inspire us with your Spirit and fill our hearts with the fire of your love, that all who hear your word may be drawn to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord **Amen.**

Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace from God our father
All Amen.

The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

This is the day that the Lord has made.
All Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Praise God who loves us.
All Praise God who cares.

Hymn

We sing together- **Christ Triumphant** (Please mute yourselves)

- 1 **Christ triumphant ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:
Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.**

- 2 **Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
power and majesty concealing
by your humble birth:
Chorus**

3 Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,
victim crucified!
death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified:
*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.*

4 Priestly king, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!
sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:
Chorus

5 So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:
Chorus

Opening prayer

Lord, direct our thoughts,
and teach us to pray.
Lift up our hearts to worship you
in spirit and in truth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen,

Collect

Almighty God,
In Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature, by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory;
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 forever.

Amen

Confession

Let us remember that we often forget to love you God and to love other people as we should and we say sorry.

Let us return to the Lord our God and say to him:

All Father, we have sinned against heaven and against you.

We are not worthy to be called your children.

We turn to you again.

**Have mercy on us, bring us back to yourself
as those who once were dead but now have life
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The president declares God's forgiveness

May the God of love and power forgive us

And free us from our sins,

heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,

and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.

Blessed is the Lord,

All for he has heard the voice of our prayer;

Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy

All and in our song will we praise our God.

Hearing and responding to the Word of God

Luke 24.44-end *Martin Penny*

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay

here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'

The Ascension of Jesus

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Reflection

Anthem – O God, the King of glory – Purcell

O God the King of glory,
who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph into heaven:
we beseech thee, leave us not comfortless;
but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us,
and exalt us unto the same place where our Saviour Christ is gone
before us.

Amen

Affirmation of Faith

Praise God who loves us.

All Praise God who cares.

Let us declare our faith in God

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.**

Ephesians 3

Prayers of Intercession – *Dorothy Toyn*

Concludes with

Lord of the Church, hear our prayer and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy forever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us so we pray

**All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is 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.**

Hymn

All All hail the power of Jesu's name (Please mute yourself!)

1 **All hail the power of Jesus' name
let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all.**

2 Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
ye ransomed of the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all.

3 Sinners whose love can ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go, spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him Lord of all.

4 Let every kindred, every tribe
on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all.

5 O that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall,
join in the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all.

Going out to serve God

Heavenly Father, may we live in faith and fellowship, walk in love and be renewed in hope, until your world reflects your glory and you are known to all.

Blessing

May the love of God enfold us; may the mercy of God absolve us;

May the strength of God support us;

May the peace of God console us;

And may blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be with us now and forever.

Amen

Dismissal

We say the Grace together:

May 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

Guitar: Prelude from Partita in B \flat , BWV 825 - J.S.Bach



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