

Morning Worship

Easter 6: 17th April 2020

Prelude

The Preparation

Our help comes from the Lord,
who has made heaven and earth.

Great is the Lord and worthy of all praise.

**Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom,
thanksgiving and honour, power and might,
be to our God for ever and ever! Alleluia Amen.**

Song

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
His the sceptre, His the throne
Alleluia His the triumph
His the victory alone
Hark! The songs of holy Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood,
“Jesus out of every nation
Has redeemed us by his blood”.

Alleluia! - not as orphans,
Are we left in sorrow now:
Alleluia! He is near us,
Faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him,
Whom the angels now adore,
Shall our hearts forget his promise,
‘I am with you, evermore’?

Alleluia! bread of heaven,
Here on earth our food, our stay:
Alleluia! - here the sinful
Come to You from day to day .
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
Earth’s Redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

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Birthdays

Frank Brindle

**Birthday greetings today.
May God bless you we pray.
Live for Jesus dear Frank;
May he guide you each day.**

Great and wonderful are your deeds
O Lord God the almighty:
**just and true are your ways
O Sovereign of the nations.**

Who shall not revere
and praise your name O Lord?:
for you alone are holy.

All nations shall come
and worship in your presence:
for your just dealings have been revealed.

To the One who is seated on the throne
and to the Lamb:
**be blessing and honour, glory and might
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Brothers and sisters in Christ,
let us praise and worship God who has called us
together.

Let us celebrate God’s majesty,
and delight in the wonder of God’s love.

We do this because we believe in the presence
among us of our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and in the mighty power of the Holy Spirit.

Confession

Together we shall confess our sins
and receive assurance that we are forgiven.

Hear these words of scripture.
As God who called you is holy,
be holy yourselves in all your conduct.
Spirit of God, search our hearts.

In silence, we remember our need for God’s
forgiveness.

Silence

Let us confess our sins to God.
**Almighty and merciful God,
we have sinned against you,
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with all our heart.
We have not loved others
as our Saviour Christ loves us.
We are truly sorry.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

Almighty God, who pardons all who truly repent,
forgive your sins, strengthen you by the Holy Spirit,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
Amen.

The Ministry of the Word

O come, let us sing to the Lord,
let us rejoice in the rock of our salvation.
We sing to you, O God, and bless your name;
and tell of your salvation from day to day.

We proclaim your glory to the nations,
your praise to the ends of the earth.

As the scriptures are read,
we can allow God's word to speak to us,
and ponder its meaning for our lives.

The Readings from the Epistles

Acts 17:22-31; 1 Peter 3:13 - 4:1 – Julie Courtenay

Song: This is our God.

A refuge for the poor,
a shelter from the storm,
This is our God.
He will wipe away your tears,
and return your wasted years,
This is our God.
Oh... this is our God.

A father to the orphan,
a healer to the broken,
This is our God.
And he brings peace to our madness,
and comfort in our sadness,
this is our God.
Oh... this is our God.
Oh... this is our God.

*This is the one we have waited for,
This is the one we have waited for,
This is the one we have waited for,
Oh...this is our God.*

A fountain for the thirsty,
a lover for the lonely,
This is our God.
He brings glory to the humble,
and crowns for the faithful,
This is our God.
Oh...this is our God.
Oh...this is our God.

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The Reading from the Gospel

John 14:15-21 - Helen

The Sermon - Helen

The Apostles Creed - Video

**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,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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.**

Prayers

In our prayers, we give thanks for God's goodness,
we pray for others as well as for ourselves,
and we offer our lives anew in Christ's service.

Make your ways known upon earth, O God,
your saving power among all peoples.
Renew your Church in holiness,
and help us to serve you with joy.
Guide the leaders of this and every nation,
that justice may prevail throughout the world.
Let not the needy, O God, be forgotten,
nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
Make us instruments of your peace,
and let your glory be over all the earth.

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we pray

**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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are
yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

Unite714 Litany

Living God, we humbly come before You in
confidence, knowing You are a merciful and loving
Father who hears our prayers from Heaven. We
unite before You as the Church, a spiritual house of
"living stones," a "holy priesthood."

In the midst of this pandemic, we bring You our
sacrifice of praise. We thank You for mitigating the
effects of COVID-19. We realize that without Your
divine intervention and protection, the devastation
wrought by this disease would be far greater. We are
thankful today that what is impossible with man is
possible with You.

Lord, today, we choose to praise You!

In the face of pressure, panic, and pain, we choose
to look beyond our circumstances and lift our hands
to You. Comfort us in our weakness. Lift us up into
Your presence as we worship Your Holy Name.

Lord, today, we choose to praise You!

Your Church unites to lift up sacrifices of praise.
We are confident our world will experience a fresh
outpouring of Your divine presence and love. This
will result in the conversion of untold millions. You,
and You alone, are worthy of our honour and
worship.

Lord, today, we choose to praise You!

This we pray and commit in the mighty name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

We pray for those of our congregation who are unwell, suffering or facing challenging health or financial issues.

We remember Eleanor Battley, Herb Pryde, Pat Franks and others of whom we know. Lord, you know who else in this parish needs our prayers maybe for things unknown to anyone else. For all these we pray:

Lord you are a present help in trouble.
Come revive, redeem, restore.
In our darkness come as light.
In our sadness come as joy.
In our troubles come as peace.
In our weakness come as strength.
Come Lord to our aid:
Revive, redeem, restore us.
Amen.

The Collect of the Day

**Eternal God,
light of the minds that know you,
joy of the hearts that love you,
strength of the wills that serve you;
grant us so to know you that we may truly love you,
and so to love you that we may gladly serve you,
now and always.
Amen.**

Morning Collect

God the source of eternal light,
shed forth your unending day on us
who watch for you;
that our lips may praise you,
our hearts bless you and our lives glorify you;

through our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

**In darkness and in light,
in trouble and in joy,
help us, heavenly Father,
to trust your love,
to serve your purpose,
and to praise your name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Gifts of the People.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation;
through your goodness we have been able to offer
this money, the fruit of our labour and of the skills
you have given us.
Bless us and our offerings to do your work in the
world.
Amen. Blessed be God for ever.

Hymn:

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess him King of glory now:
This the Father's pleasure, we should call him Lord,
Who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season, to receive a name
From the lips of sinners unto whom he came,
Faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious, when from death he
passed.

Bore it up triumphant with its human light,
Through all ranks of creatures to the central height,
To the eternal Godhead; to the Father's throne;
Filled it with the glory of his triumph won.

With his Father's glory, Jesus comes again,
angel hosts attend him and announce his reign;
For all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,
And our hearts confess him King of glory now.

The Dismissal

Now the God of peace
give us peace at all times and in all ways,
and the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, remain with you
always. **Amen.**

Go now to love and serve the Lord.
Go in peace.

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.