

# SUNDAY 02 MAY 2021 HOLY COMMUNION 12noon

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1. All heaven declares the glory of the risen Lord.  
Who can compare with the beauty of the Lord?  
Forever he will be the Lamb upon the throne,  
I gladly bow the knee and worship him alone.

I will proclaim the glory of the risen Lord.  
Who once was slain to reconcile us to God.  
Forever you will be the Lamb upon the throne.  
I gladly bow the knee and worship you alone.

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

2. Come now is the time to worship,  
Come now is the time to give your heart.  
Come just as you are to worship,  
Come just as you are before your God. Come.

One day every tongue will confess you are God  
One day every knee will bow,  
Still, the greatest treasure remains  
for those who gladly choose you now.

3. Faithful One, so unchanging  
ageless One, You're my rock of peace,  
Lord of all, I depend on You,  
I call out to You again and again.  
I call out to you again and again.  
You are my rock in times of trouble,  
You lift me up when I fall down;  
All through the storm Your love is the anchor  
My hope is in You alone.

4. Jesus, God's righteousness revealed  
The Son of Man, the Son of God  
His Kingdom comes  
Jesus, redemption's sacrifice  
Now glorified, now justified  
His Kingdom comes

*And this Kingdom will know no end  
And its glory shall know no bounds  
For the majesty and power  
Of this Kingdom's King has come.  
And this Kingdom's reign  
And this Kingdom's rule  
And this Kingdom's power and authority;  
Jesus, God's righteousness revealed.*

Jesus, the expression of God's love  
The grace of God, the Word of God  
Revealed to us  
Jesus, God's Holiness displayed  
Now glorified, now justified  
His Kingdom comes  
And this Kingdom will know no end.....

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Heavenly Father,  
you sent your Son Jesus Christ  
to make us ready to meet with you.  
Send your Holy Spirit on us now, we pray,  
that we may hear your word,  
Share in your communion,  
receive your grace,  
and be renewed in your love. **AMEN.**

## CONFESSION

Risen Lord Jesus,  
We say sorry for the times we have  
failed to follow your commands  
and not lived as your followers;  
Forgive us we pray,  
And let us live in the power  
of your Resurrection life.  
That we may show the world  
Your love and your ways. **AMEN.**

5. *Thank you Jesus, thank you Jesus,  
Thank you Lord, for loving me.  
Thank you Jesus, thank you Jesus,  
Thank you Lord, for loving me.*

You went to Calvary,  
There you died for me,  
Thank you Lord, for loving me. *(Repeat)*

You rose up from the grave,  
To me new life you gave,  
Thank you Lord, for loving me. *(Repeat)*

## READING: 2 Peter 3:1-9

Dear friends, this is now my second letter to you. I have written both of them as reminders to stimulate you to wholesome thinking. <sup>2</sup>I want you to recall the words spoken in the past by the holy prophets and the command given by our Lord and Saviour through your apostles.

<sup>3</sup>Above all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. <sup>4</sup>They will say, 'Where is this "coming" he promised? Ever since our ancestors died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation.' <sup>5</sup>But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens came into being and the earth was formed out of water and by water. <sup>6</sup>By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. <sup>7</sup>By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

<sup>8</sup>But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: with the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. <sup>9</sup>The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

*Reader:* This is the word of the Lord  
*All:* **Thanks be to God**

## GOSPEL: John 21:1-14

*Reader:* Hear the Holy Gospel according to John  
*All: Glory to you O Lord*

Afterwards Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: <sup>2</sup> Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. <sup>3</sup> 'I'm going out to fish,' Simon Peter told them, and they said, 'We'll go with you.' So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus.

<sup>5</sup> He called out to them, 'Friends, haven't you any fish?' 'No,' they answered.

<sup>6</sup> He said, 'Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.' When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

<sup>7</sup> Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, 'It is the Lord,' he wrapped his outer garment round him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water.

<sup>8</sup> The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred metres. <sup>9</sup> When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

<sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' <sup>11</sup> So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn.

<sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples dared ask him, 'Who are you?' They knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.

<sup>14</sup> This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

*Reader:* This is the Gospel of the Lord  
*All: Praise to you O Christ*

**SERMON:** Robert  
***Alleluia, CHRIST IS RISEN - Don't give up now!***

### PRAYERS:

### PEACE:

6. Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
All thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesu, thou art all compassion,  
Pure unbounded love thou art,  
Visit us with thy salvation,  
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,  
Let us all thy grace receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve thee as thy hosts above;  
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation:  
Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see thy great salvation,  
perfectly restored in thee;  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

### HOLY COMMUNION

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.**

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;  
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away you did not reject us,  
but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children  
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life  
that we might live in him and he in us.  
**He opened his arms of love upon the cross  
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,  
at supper with his friends  
he took bread, and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, and said:  
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new  
covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of  
sins; do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in  
glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this  
wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear  
Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts  
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world  
we offer you this sacrifice of praise  
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

## The Lord's Prayer

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

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 you,  
and his blood which he shed for you.  
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts  
by faith with thanksgiving

7. The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;  
he makes me lie in pastures green,  
he leads me by the still, still waters,  
his goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in you alone,  
and I will trust in you alone,  
for your endless mercy follows me,  
your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,  
and he anoints my head with oil;  
and my cup - it overflows with joy,  
I feast on his pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path -  
I will not fear the evil one,  
for you are with me, and your rod and staff  
are the comfort I need to know.

Goodness and mercy surely now  
Shall follow me for all my days  
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord  
Throughout all eternity

8. You are holy, holy,  
Lord, there is none like you.  
You are holy, holy,  
glory to you alone.

You are holy, holy,  
Lord, there is none like you.  
You are holy, holy,  
glory to you alone.

I'll sing your praises for ever,  
deeper in love with you.  
Here in the courts where I'm close to your throne,  
I've found where I belong.

## Prayer after Communion

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood  
of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work  
to your praise and glory. **AMEN.**

## NOTICES and BIRTHDAYS

9. We live as strangers in a hostile world,  
We whose allegiance is to Christ our Lord,  
All those on whom the Holy Ghost has poured  
Alleluia.

Since God is for us, God has set us free,  
Who can oppose us? Who's the enemy?  
Death and the Devil overthrown we see  
Alleluia.

For those in Jesus now imprisoned here  
No condemnation ever need we fear;  
Jesus has saved all those whose Faith's sincere.  
Alleluia.

Christ is our lifeline, we must watch and pray,  
Never lose sight of Him throughout the fray,  
Maintain the vital linkage night and day!  
Alleluia.

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## BLESSING

10. Lord I come to you,  
let my heart be changed, renewed,  
Flowing from the grace that I found in you.  
And Lord I've come to know  
the weaknesses I see in me,  
Will be stripped away by the power of your love.

*Hold me close, let your love surround me  
Bring me near, draw me to your side.  
And as I wait I'll rise up like the eagle  
And I will soar with you, your Spirit  
leads me on in the power of your love.*

Lord unveil my eyes, let me see you face to face,  
The knowledge of your love as you live in me.  
Lord renew my mind  
As your will unfolds in my life  
in living every day  
By the power of your love.

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