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# **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

from the Community  
of Leicester Cathedral



**Sunday 24 May 2020**  
**The Seventh Sunday of Easter**

*The Revd Canon Emma Davies, Acting Canon Precentor, leads the service.*

*Christopher Ouvry-Johns, Director of Music, plays on the Organ*

Erschienen ist der herrliche Tag BWV629

*Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)*

## **Welcome and Greeting**

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

*Words of welcome may be said.*

We meet in the presence of God  
**who knows our needs,  
hears our cries,  
feels our pain,  
and heals our wounds.**

## **Penitence Asking for God's forgiveness and healing**

We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden,  
one who knows and loves us as we are,  
to ask for God's forgiveness and peace.

*Silence is kept.*

God of all life, you have loved us into being;  
help us in our brokenness to reveal your image.  
O God, reach out your hand:  
**Heal us and bring us peace.**

Lord Jesus, you have ascended to the heavens;  
do not forget our earthbound frailty.  
O God, reach out your hand:  
**Heal us and bring us peace.**

Spirit of God, you bring living water;  
spring up in our tiredness and confusion and give refreshing life.  
O God, reach out your hand:  
**Heal us and bring us peace.**

## **Absolution** God's forgiveness for us

May the God of love and power  
forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by the Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Prayer** Collect for the Seventh Sunday of Easter

O God the King of glory,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ  
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:  
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,  
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us  
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## The First Reading

Acts 1.6–14

*Read by John Freeman*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

So when they 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.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel Reading

John 17.1–11

*Read by Matt Newman*

A reading from the Gospel according to John.

After Jesus had spoken these words, he 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.'

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Reflection

The Revd Canon Paul Rattigan, Canon Chancellor

*Christopher Ouvry-Johns plays on the Organ*

Partita V sopra 'Jesu, meine Freude'

*Johann Gottfried Walther (1684–1748)*

## Prayers of Intercession

*The following response is used*

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude with The Lord's Prayer*

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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.**

## The Hymn

**Alleluia, sing to Jesus!**  
**His the sceptre, his the throne;**  
**alleluia, his the triumph,**  
**his the victory alone:**  
**hark, the songs of peaceful Sion**  
**thunder like a mighty flood;**  
**Jesus out of every nation**  
**hath 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,**  
**when the forty days were o'er,**  
**shall our hearts forget his promise,**  
**'I am with you evermore?'**

**Alleluia, bread of angels,**  
**thou on earth our food, our stay;**  
**alleluia, here the sinful**  
**flee to thee 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.**

**Alleluia, King eternal,**  
**thee the Lord of lords we own;**  
**alleluia, born of Mary,**  
**earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:**  
**thou within the veil hast entered,**  
**robed in flesh, our great High Priest;**  
**thou on earth both Priest and Victim**  
**in the eucharistic feast.**

## The Blessing and Dismissal

May the God of all life  
fill you with hope and peace  
as you wait to be clothed with power from on high;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
be among you today and always.  
**Amen.**

Until we meet again,  
Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

*Rosie Vinter, Assistant Director of Music, plays on the Organ*

Fugue in D BWV580

*attr. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)*

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