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SUNDAY WORSHIP

from the Community
of Leicester Cathedral



Sunday 10 May 2020
The Fifth Sunday of Easter

The Revd Canon Karen Rooms, Canon Missioner, leads the service.

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

Christ ist erstanden (Vers 1) BWV627i

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 is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This is the fifth Sunday of Easter and also the Sunday following the 75th Anniversary of VE Day. Although we are confined to our homes and isolated from others, we call to mind with thankfulness the freedom and peace in which we now live, enabled by the hard work and sacrifice of so many in past years; and we join our hearts with others in renewed commitment to make and hold peace in today's age.

A Prayer for VE Day

Lord God our Father,
we pledge ourselves to serve you and all humankind,
in the cause of peace,
for the relief of want and suffering,
and for the praise of your name.
Guide us by your Spirit;
give us wisdom;
give us courage;
give us hope;
and keep us faithful now and always.
Amen.

Penitence Saying sorry and asking for God's forgiveness

Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God.
Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil
and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

cf Romans 6.10

Silence is kept.

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you bring us peace beyond human understanding.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

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 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

The Readings

Acts 7.55–60

Read by Doreen Ndetaramo

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

John 14.1–14

Read by Francis Brown

A reading from the Gospel according to John.

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not

speaking on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection

The Revd Canon Alison Adams, Sub-Dean of Leicester

Christopher Ouvry-Johns plays on the Organ

Andante tranquillo from Sonata No. 3 in A

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

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

**How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,
and drives away his fear.**

**It makes the wounded spirit whole,
and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary rest.**

**Dear name! the rock on which I build,
my shield and hiding-place,
my never-failing treasury filled
with boundless stores of grace.**

**Jesus! my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,
my Prophet, Priest, and King,
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
accept the praise I bring.**

**Weak is the effort of my heart,
and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.**

**Till then I would thy love proclaim
with every fleeting breath;
and may the music of thy name
refresh my soul in death.**

ST PETER (AM664)
Alexander Reinagle (1799–1877)

John Newton (1725–1807)

The Blessing and Dismissal

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;
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 G Op. 37, No. 2

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

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