**All Age Service, 3rd May, 2020 on Zoom**

**Greeting**

During the season of Easter we celebrate, with great joy, Christ risen from the dead and alive for evermore.

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:

***All* he has given us new life and hope by raising Jesus from the dead.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

***All* He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**Prayer of Preparation**

***All* Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,**

**all desires known,**

**and from whom no secrets are hidden:**

**cleanse the thoughts of our hearts**

**by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,**

**that we may perfectly love you,**

**and worthily magnify your holy name;**

**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Prayers of Penitence**

**Invitation to confession**

In baptism we died with Christ,

so that as Christ was raised from the dead,

we might walk in newness of life.

Let us receive new life in him

as we confess our sins in penitence and faith.

*Silence is kept*

***All* Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,**

**we come to you in sorrow for our sins,**

**and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.**

**We have lived by our own strength,**

**and not by the power of your resurrection.**

**We have lived by the light of our own eyes,**

**as faithless and not believing.**

**We have lived for this world alone,**

**and doubted our home in heaven.**

**In your mercy, forgive us, we pray. Amen**

*The Minister says*

May the Father of all mercies cleanse *you* from *your* sins, and restore *you* in his image to the praise and glory of his name,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***All* Amen.**

**The Collect -** *a special prayer for the day, said by the Minister*

**The First Reading**

**Genesis 7**

Then the Lord said to Noah, ‘Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you alone are righteous before me in this generation. Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and its mate; and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and its mate; and seven pairs of the birds of the air also, male and female, to keep their kind alive on the face of all the earth. For in seven days I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights; and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground.’ And Noah did all that the Lord had commanded him.

Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters came on the earth. And Noah with his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives went into the ark to escape the waters of the flood. Of clean animals, and of animals that are not clean, and of birds, and of everything that creeps on the ground, two and two, male and female, went into the ark with Noah, as God had commanded Noah. And after seven days the waters of the flood came on the earth.

In the six-hundredth year of Noah’s life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. The rain fell on the earth for forty days and forty nights. On the very same day Noah with his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah’s wife and the three wives of his sons, entered the ark, they and every wild animal of every kind, and all domestic animals of every kind, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every bird of every kind—every bird, every winged creature. They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the Lord shut him in.

The flood continued for forty days on the earth; and the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth; and the ark floated on the face of the waters. The waters swelled so mightily on the earth that all the high mountains under the whole heaven were covered; the waters swelled above the mountains, covering them fifteen cubits deep. And all flesh died that moved on the earth, birds, domestic animals, wild animals, all swarming creatures that swarm on the earth, and all human beings; everything on dry land in whose nostrils was the breath of life died. He blotted out every living thing that was on the face of the ground, human beings and animals and creeping things and birds of the air; they were blotted out from the earth. Only Noah was left, and those that were with him in the ark. And the waters swelled on the earth for one hundred and fifty days.

*At the end the Reader will say*

This is the word of the Lord

***All* Thanks be to God.**

**The Second Reading**

## Acts 2.42-end

They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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**Sermon**

**The Creed**

Let us declare our faith in God.

**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.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

*These responses may be used...*

In trust and hope we pray.

**All Lord, hear our prayer.**

*And at the end of the prayers*

Lord of all,

**you know us and love us**

**and hear our prayer:**

**keep us in the eternal fellowship of**

**Jesus Christ our Saviour.**

**Amen.**

**The Peace**

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples

and said, 'Peace be with you.'

The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

***All* and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

**Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you

***All* and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

***All* We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***All* 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.

***All* 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.

***All* 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.

***All* 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.

***All* 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.

***All* 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:

***All* Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed, (Blessed is he, Blessed) is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, (hosanna) in the highest.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.**

**Breaking of the Bread**

*The Minister breaks the consecrated bread.*

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup

***All* We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

**Agnus Dei**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world, give us your peace,**

**give us your peace.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world, give us your peace.**

*The Minister takes Communion*

**Prayer after Communion**

*Silence is kept.*

*The Minister says the prayer for the day.*

***All* 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.**

**Notices**

**Blessing**

God the Father,

by whose love Christ was raised from the dead, open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.

**Amen.**

God the Son,

who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory,

give you joy as you share the Easter faith. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,

who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord, empower you and fill you with Christ's peace. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

***All* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**Hymn**

*You are welcome to stay for coffee time on Zoom*