

**Fifth Sunday of Easter 2021.**



The Lord is risen.  
**He is risen indeed Hallelujah**

**Hymn**

Lord, enthroned in heavenly  
splendour,  
First-begotten from the dead,  
Thou alone, our strong defender,  
Liftest up thy people's head.  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Jesu, true and living Bread!

Here our humblest homage pay we;  
Here in loving reverence bow;  
Here for faith's discernment pray  
we,  
Lest we fail to know thee now.  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Thou art here, we ask not how.

Though the lowliest form doth veil  
thee  
As of old in Bethlehem,  
Here as there thine angels hail thee,  
Branch and Flower of Jesse's stem.  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
We in worship join with them.

Paschal Lamb, thine Offering,  
finished  
Once for all when thou wast slain,  
In its fullness undiminished  
Shall for evermore remain,  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Cleansing souls from every stain.

Life-imparting heavenly Manna,  
Stricken Rock with streaming side,  
Heaven and earth with loud hosanna  
Worship thee, the Lamb who died,  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Risen, ascended, glorified!

**The night has passed and the day lies open before us**  
Let us pray with one heart and mind.

*A silence is kept*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
So may the light of your presence O God  
Set our hearts on fire with love for you, Amen

## INTRODUCTION

**Reading Psalm 22 vv25-end**

**A prayer for those affected by corona virus.**

Lord, as we continue to be thankful for the reduction in the infection rate and the continued roll out of the vaccination programme, we pray for grace to continue to live with respect for one another.

We pray for countries where Coronavirus is rising and in lands where resources are inadequate to meet the needs of the people. We give thanks for the nations who are sharing their resources and pray that all nations will show generosity so that your justice shall reign throughout the whole world.

We pray for those here and abroad who are still struggling with the impact that this pandemic has had on their lives.

May your Holy Spirit move us to continue to share your love in countless words of grace and acts of kindness.

May all find comfort in knowing that nothing can separate us from Your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. **AMEN**

### Hymn

Light of the world  
You stepped down into darkness,  
Opened my eyes and let me see.  
Beauty that made this heart adore  
you,  
Hope of a life spent with you.

So here I am to worship,  
Here I am to bow down,  
Here I am to say that you're my God.  
You're altogether lovely,  
Altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, Oh so highly exalted  
Glorious in heaven above.  
Humbly you came to the earth you  
created,  
All for love's sake became poor.

So here I am to worship,  
Here I am to bow down,  
Here I am to say that you're my God.  
You're altogether lovely,  
Altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me.

And I'll never know how much it cost,  
To see my sin upon that cross.  
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Here I am to worship,  
Here I am to bow down,  
Here I am to say that you're my God.  
You're altogether lovely,  
Altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me.  
(Repeat)

### **Confession**

We bring to mind those things which we have done  
which we ought not to have done, and those things  
which we have left undone which we ought to have done.  
We make our confession to God in the silence of our hearts.

### **Absolution**

God alone knows. He sympathises with our weaknesses  
and forgives all our transgressions.  
To Him there are no secret struggles nor silent cries.  
He hears. He sees. He loves.  
He forgives for He is the Father of all mercies,  
the God of all comfort.



**Reading Acts 8 vv 26-40**

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

**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 from on high.**

**We believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, AMEN**

**Let us pray**

**Collect**

Almighty God,

who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ

have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:

grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires,

so by your continual help

we may bring them to good effect;

through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. **AMEN**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn.**

Love divine, all loves excelling,

Joy of Heav'n to earth come down;

Fix in us thy humble dwelling;

All thy faithful mercies crown!

Jesus, Thou art all compassion,

Pure unbounded love Thou art;

Visit us with Thy salvation,

Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit

Into every troubled breast!

Let us all in Thee inherit;

Let us find that second rest.

Take away our bent to sinning;

Alpha and Omega be;

End of faith, as its beginning,

Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver,  
Let us all Thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never,  
Nevermore 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 Heav'n we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

### **Blessing**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work to do his will; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### **NOTICES**

**Dismissal** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
In the name of Christ. **Hallelujah!**

