



Sixth Sunday of Easter: Morning Worship - 9/5/21

Welcome and call to worship

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

To a troubled world

peace in Christ.

To a searching world

love in Christ.

To a waiting world

hope in Christ.

*Hymn: **I cannot tell***

Confession and Absolution

This is love, not that we loved God,
but that he loved us and sent his Son.

He is the sacrifice for our sins,
that we might live through him.

If God loves us so much
we ought to love one another.
If we love one another God lives in us.

And so, let us pause to consider the ways we have failed to love God and each other as we ought, as we ask for his forgiveness and peace.

**God of mercy,
we acknowledge that we are all sinners.
We turn from the wrong that we have thought and said
and done,
and are mindful of all that we have failed to do.
For the sake of Jesus, who died for us,
forgive us for all that is past,
and help us to live each day
in the light of Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

May almighty God have mercy on *us*,
forgive *us our* sins,
and bring *us* to everlasting life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Psalm 100

O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth;
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

**Know that the Lord is God;
it is he that has made us and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and bless his name.

**For the Lord is gracious;
his steadfast love is everlasting
and his faithfulness endures
from generation to generation.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Readings and Sermon

Reading: John 15.9-17, read by Margaret Scruby

Sermon - preached by Chris Scruby

A time of reflection

The Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead. 3**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

*Hymn: **May the mind of Christ my Saviour***

The Intercessions led by Jackie Laar

The Collect of the Day

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
to eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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.**

Closing words and Blessing

**The Lord bless you and watch over you,
the Lord make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you,
the Lord look kindly on you and give you peace;**

And the blessing...

*Hymn: **Love divine, all loves excelling***