

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

'Put into our minds good desires'



Easter celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. If God raised his Son from death to life, bringing victory out of disaster, he can also renew human lives. Feelings of failure, rejection or resentment are changed into opportunities for healing, forgiveness and service. As today's Collect prays, God puts 'into our minds good desires' and helps us to 'bring them to good effect'.

The Gathering

THE GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

(A HYMN may be sung)

Christ once raised from the dead dies no more:

death has no more dominion over him.

In dying he died to sin once for all:

in living he lives to God.

See yourselves therefore as dead to sin:

and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen. *(Rom. 6:9-11)*

PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ,

as we celebrate your victory over all the powers of darkness, evil and death, we pray that we will know your strength to rise above our fears and failures, and travel on with you in the way of love. **Amen.**

(SONGS may be sung)

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PENITENCE

In God's holy presence let us examine the words of our mouths, the deeds of our bodies, and the desires of our minds, confessing our sins to him ...

When we are quick to criticize others, but slow to praise them ...

Lord, have mercy, **Lord, have mercy.**

When we bear grudges, and find it hard to forgive ...

Christ, have mercy, **Christ, have mercy.**

When we think we alone are right, and impose our views on others ...

Lord, have mercy, **Lord, have mercy.**

When we let evil go unchallenged, and are afraid to speak the truth ...

Christ, have mercy, **Christ, have mercy.**

When we are preoccupied with ourselves, and give little attention to others ...

Lord, have mercy, **Lord, have mercy.**

When we trust in material things, more than in God's unfailing love ...

Christ, have mercy, **Christ, have mercy.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(The GLORIA, may be said, or sung by the choir)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray ... *(silent prayer)*

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.**

The Liturgy of the Word

THE SCRIPTURE READING(S)

(After the reading)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM/HYMN or EASTER ANTHEMS

THE GOSPEL

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.

Glory to you, O Lord.

(After the reading)

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

INTERCESSIONS

(Special thanksgivings and prayers ...)

Father God, we pray for your holy catholic apostolic Church; **that all may be one in Christ, our risen Saviour.**

Grant that every member of the Church may grow in knowledge of you, and faithfully serve you; **that your Kingdom may come and your will be done.**

We pray for bishop N., all clergy and lay workers; **that they may be faithful ministers of your truth and grace.**

We pray for our Queen and all who hold authority in the nations of the world; **that there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we plan and do; **that our works may bring glory to your Name.**

Fill us with compassion for those who suffer from any grief, trouble or injustice; **that they may be delivered from distress.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures;

he was buried; he was raised to life on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures;

afterwards he appeared to his followers, and to all the apostles:

this we have received, and this we believe. *(1 Cor. 15:3-7)*

This is the faith of the Church:

This is our faith.

We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Prayers

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died ... We praise you for your saints who have entered into eternal rest; **may we also come to share in your eternal joy.**

In a moment of silence, let us pray for those we most deeply care about ... Merciful Father, **accept all these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.

The peace of the Lord be always with you **and also with you.**

HYMN

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
and in these days of Easter
to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.
For by the mystery of his passion
Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered
the powers of death and hell and restored
in men and women the image of your glory.
He has placed them once more in paradise
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels
and the powers of all creation
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your
dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper
with his friends and, taking bread, he praised
you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and
said: Take, eat; this is my body which is
given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

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 and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Deacon Jesus Christ is Lord:
**Lord, by your cross and
resurrection you have set us
free. You are the Saviour of
the world.**

**Blessing and honour and glory and
power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup
of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the
earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St
Botolph and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in
Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving
Father, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
as our Saviour has 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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND COMMUNION

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

Look the bread of heaven is broken for the
life of the world.

**Lord, as the disciples recognised you in
their hearts in the breaking of the bread,
so too may we recognise you in the
breaking of this bread .**

For those joining us online I invite you now
to pray with me or listen as I pray.

Jesus, may all that is you flow into me.
May your body and blood be my food and
drink. May your passion and death be my
strength and life. Jesus, with you at my side,
enough has been given. May the shelter I
seek be the shadow of your Cross.
Let me not run from the love which you
offer, But hold me safe from the forces of
evil. On each of my dyings shed your light
and your love. Keep calling to me until the
day comes when, with your saints, I will
praise you forever.

Amen
Anima Christie adapted by David Fleming

The president receives Communion

Communion is distributed.

The Agnus Die, Hymns or Anthems may be
sung by the choir or organ music may be
played.

The Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth,
and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen

Notices

Hymn

Blessing.

God who through the resurrection of our
Lord Jesus Christ. Has given us the victory,
give you joy and peace in your faith; and the
blessing.