

St Paul's

Luton

Holy Communion

5th May 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Welcome and Introduction

*Please say together the words in **Bold**.*

Opening Prayer

**Faithful one, whose word is life:
come with saving power to free our praise,
inspire our prayer and shape our lives
for the kingdom of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Opening Responses

God in Christ has revealed his glory.
Come let us worship.

From the rising of the sun to its setting

the Lord's name is greatly to be praised.

Give him praise, you servants of the Lord.

O praise the name of the Lord!

Opening hymn: This is the day

**This is the day, this is the day
that the Lord has made,
that the Lord has made;
We will rejoice, we will rejoice
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
that the Lord has made.**

**This is the day, this is the day
when He rose again,
when He rose again;
We will rejoice, we will rejoice
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day when He rose again,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
when he rose again.**

**This is the day, this is the day
when the Spirit came,
when the Spirit came;
We will rejoice, we will rejoice
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day when the Spirit came;
we will be glad and rejoice in it.
This is the day, this is the day
when the Spirit came.**

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Prayer of Confession

we join together in prayer

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

**In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse us from our sins,
and restore us in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Hymn: He is Lord

**He is Lord, he is Lord
He is risen from the dead and he is Lord
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord
He is King, he is King
He is risen from the dead and he is King
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is King**

**He is love, he is love
He is risen from the dead and he is love
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is love
(Unknown)**

The Reading: John 15.9-17

The Talk

Affirmation of faith

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**We believe in God the Father,
God Almighty, by whose plan
earth and heaven sprang to being,
all created things began.**

**We believe in Christ the Saviour,
Son of God in human frame,
virgin-born, the child of Mary
upon whom the Spirit came.**

**Christ, who on the cross forsaken,
like a lamb to slaughter led,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
he descended to the dead.**

**We believe in Jesus risen,
heaven's King to rule and reign,
to the Father's side ascended
till as Judge he comes again.**

**We believe in God the Spirit;
in one Church, below, above:
saints of God in one communion,
one in holiness and love.
So by faith, our sins forgiven,
Christ our Saviour, Lord and friend,
we shall rise with him in glory
to the life that knows no end.**

Prayers of Intercession

Collect for Sixth Sunday of Easter

**Risen Christ,
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

The Peace

Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us access to his grace.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Hymn: He is exalted

**He is exalted the King is exalted on High
I will praise Him
He is exalted forever exalted
And I will praise His name
He is the Lord
Forever His truth shall reign
Heaven and Earth
Rejoice in His holy name**

He is exalted the King is exalted on high

He is exalted, the King is on High

I will praise Him

He is exalted, forever exalted

And I will praise His name

He is the Lord

Forever His truth shall reign

Heaven and Earth

Rejoice in His holy name

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The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you
because you raised him gloriously from the dead.
For he is the true paschal lamb who was offered for us,
and has taken away the sin of the world.
By his death he has destroyed death,
and by his rising to life again he has restored to us everlasting life.

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.

**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.

**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.

**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:
Holy, holy, holy Lord,

**God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us so we pray:

**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

Breaking of Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father**

Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

Prayer after Communion

**Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace,
and opened the gate of glory.**

**May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.**

**Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Closing and offertory hymn: Let there be love shared among us

**Let there be love shared among us
Let there be love in our eyes
May now your love sweep this nation
Cause us O Lord to arise
Give us a fresh understanding
Brotherly love that is real
Let there be love shared among us
Let there be love**

**Let there be hope shared among us
Let there be hope in our eyes
May now your hope sweep this nation
Cause us O Lord to arise
Give us a fresh understanding
Brotherly love that is real
Let there be love shared among us
Let there be love**

**Let there be joy shared among us
Let there be joy in our eyes
May now your joy sweep this nation
Cause us O Lord to arise
Give us a fresh understanding
Brotherly love that is real
Let there be love shared among us
Let there be love**

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Offertory Prayer

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

Final Notices

The Blessing

May God the Father,
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;

and the blessing of God Almighty;
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

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