

Morning Praise 12th May 2024

Seventh Sunday of Easter – Jesus Prays for His Disciples

Welcome and Notices

Greeting

With God nothing is impossible for he is our God, and the God of salvation is making all things new.

Amen.

Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father, in our worship
help us to sing your praises,
confess our sins,
hear your word and bring our prayers to you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Opening song – Tell out my soul

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:
unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name:
make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name, the Lord, the mighty one.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might:
powers and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word:
firm is his promise and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore.

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Confession & Absolution

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world
and knows our every word and deed.
Let us then open ourselves to the Lord
and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Time of silence

We have not always worshipped God, our creator.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

We have not always followed Christ, our Saviour.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

We have not always trusted in the Spirit, our guide.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

May the God of love and power
Forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Reading John 17: 6-19 (Peter)

I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word.

Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me.

I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you.

Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them.

I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Talk *(Julie)*

Song: Lord I come to You,

**Lord, I come to you, let my heart be changed, renewed,
flowing from the grace that I've found in you.
And, Lord I've come to know the weaknesses I see in me
will be stripped away by the power of your love.**

***Hold me close, let your love surround me,
bring me near, draw me to your side;
and as I wait, I'll rise up like an eagle,
and I will soar with you;
your Spirit leads me on in the power of your love.***

**Lord, unveil my eyes, let me see you face to face,
the knowledge of your love as you live in me.
Lord, renew my mind as your will unfolds in my life,
in living every day in the power of your love.**

***Hold me close, let your love surround me,
bring me near, draw me to your side;
and as I wait, I'll rise up like an eagle,***

***and I will soar with you;
your Spirit leads me on in the power of your love.***

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Creed

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.
Amen.**

(cf I Corinthians 15: 3-7)

Intercessions (Andrew)

Response:

Lord, in your mercy;
Hear our prayer

Merciful Father:
**Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Collect for the Seventh Sunday of Easter

**Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation, 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.**

Offertory Hymn: Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

**Give thanks with a grateful heart.
Give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.
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Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.**

**And now, let the weak say "I am strong",
let the poor say "I am rich",
because of what the Lord has done for us.
And now, let the weak say "I am strong",
let the poor say "I am rich",
because of what the Lord has done for us.**

Give thanks.

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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.
Amen.**

Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you:
And also with you

Let us offer a sign of peace.

Sharing Time

Closing Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Closing Hymn: Teach me to Dance

**Teach me to dance to the beat of your heart,
Teach me to move in the power of your Spirit,
Teach me to walk in the light of your presence,
Teach me to dance to the beat of your heart.**

**Teach me to love with your heart of compassion,
Teach me to trust in the word of your promise,
Teach me to hope in the day of your coming,
Teach me to dance to the beat of your heart.**

**You wrote the rhythm of life,
Created heaven and earth,
In you is joy without measure.
So, like a child in your sight,
I dance to see your delight,
For I was made for your pleasure, pleasure.**

**Teach me to dance to the beat of your heart,
Teach me to move in the power of your Spirit,
Teach me to walk in the light of your presence,
Teach me to dance to the beat of your heart.**

**Teach me to love with your heart of compassion,
Teach me to trust in the word of your promise,
Teach me to hope in the day of your coming,
Teach me to dance to the beat of your heart.**

**Let all my movements express
A heart that loves to say “yes”,
A will that leaps to obey you.
Let all my energy blaze
To see the joy in your face;
Let my whole being praise you,
Praise you.**

**Teach me to dance to the beat of your heart,
Teach me to move in the power of your Spirit,
Teach me to walk in the light of your presence,
Teach me to dance to the beat of your heart.**

**Teach me to love with your heart of compassion,
Teach me to trust in the word of your promise,
Teach me to hope in the day of your coming,
Teach me to dance to the beat of your heart.**

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The Blessing

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among us and remain with us always.

Amen.

Dismissal

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore. Amen.**

Prayer Ministry at the Front and Refreshments at the Back of Church