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in the Diocese of Birmingham



ALL SAINTS  
KINGS HEATH



# Holy Communion

Sunday after Ascension, 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023

# We gather

*At home, have ready in an honoured place a portion of food and something to drink. It may be bread and wine or something else. Set your Bible alongside. You might light a candle.*

*Music as we gather:* [God has gone up with a shout of rejoicing](#)

*God has gone up with a shout of rejoicing:  
he has ascended in glory!  
O clap your hands, clap your hands all you people:  
he has ascended in glory!*

1. Great is the Lord and how great is his kingdom,  
rooted in heaven and earth.  
Ruler on high over all of the nations,  
Lord over all of the world.

2. All of the nations assemble before him:  
all of the rich and the poor.  
All of his servants rejoice in his justice,  
singing his praise evermore.

3. Praise to our Lord, O sing praise to our Saviour,  
praise to our God and our King!  
Worthy the Lamb who was slain and is risen:  
glory and honour to him.

*(words & music: David Lee, based on Psalm 47)*

*When the song finishes we stand in silence.*

*We sing:* [Hail the day that sees him rise](#)

1. Hail the day that sees him rise, *Alleluia!*  
to his throne above the skies; *Alleluia!*  
Christ the Lamb, for sinners giv'n, *Alleluia!*  
enters now the highest heav'n! *Alleluia!*

2. There for him high triumph waits; *Alleluia!*  
lift your heads, eternal gates! *Alleluia!*  
He hath conquered death and sin; *Alleluia!*  
take the King of Glory in! *Alleluia!*

3. Circled round with angel-pow'rs, *Alleluia!*  
their triumphant Lord and ours; *Alleluia!*  
wide unfold the radiant scene, *Alleluia!*  
take the King of Glory in! *Alleluia!*

4. Lo, the heav'n its Lord receives, *Alleluia!*  
yet he loves the earth he leaves; *Alleluia!*

though returning to his throne, *Alleluia!*  
calls the human race his own. *Alleluia!*

5. Lord, though parted from our sight, *Alleluia!*  
far above the starry height, *Alleluia!*  
grant our hearts may thither rise, *Alleluia!*  
seeking thee above the skies. *Alleluia!*

*(words: Charles Wesley, Thomas Cotterill & others alt; music: Robert Williams)*

*We acclaim:*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with us all. **Amen.**

WELCOME and NOTICES

*We pray:* **Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known  
and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of  
our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may  
perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## We seek forgiveness

CONFESSION

Deacon: In confession we humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God, so  
that he may exalt us in due time. We cast our anxiety on him, because  
he cares for us. (1 Peter 5:6-7)

*Silence*

**All: Lord God, we have sinned against you;  
we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent.  
Have mercy on us according to your love.  
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your  
salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

FORGIVENESS *is declared:*

*[May]* 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 eternal life, through Jesus Christ our  
Lord. **Amen.**

*We stand to give thanks for forgiveness, singing THE GLORIA*

1. Glory be to God in heaven,  
songs of praise and joy we bring;  
thankful hearts and voices raising,  
to creation's Lord we sing.  
Lord we thank you:  
Lord we bless you:  
glory be to God our King;  
glory be to God our King.

2. Lamb of God who on your shoulders  
bore the load of this world's sin:  
only Son of God the Father  
you have brought us peace within.  
Lord have mercy,  
Christ have mercy,  
now your glorious reign begin;  
now your glorious reign begin.

3. You O Son of God are holy,  
you we praise with one accord:  
none in heaven or earth is like you,  
only you are Christ the Lord:  
with the Father  
and the Spirit  
ever worshipped and adored;  
ever worshipped and adored.

THE COLLECT for the Sunday after Ascension

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

READINGS [Acts 1:6-14](#)

and [1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11](#)



HYMN [My Jesus, my Saviour](#) (*sing twice*)

My Jesus, my Saviour,  
Lord, there is none like you.  
All of my days I want to praise  
the wonders of your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter,  
tower of refuge and strength,  
let ev'ry breath, all that I am,  
never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing  
power and majesty, praise to the King.  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar  
at the sound of your name.

I sing for joy at the work of your hands.  
For ever I'll love you, for ever I'll stand.  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

*(words & music: Darlene Zschech)*

*We remain standing for the* GOSPEL READING [John 17:1-11](#)

**All:** Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end* This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

SERMON in Church is from Lu Skerratt-Love

## We affirm our faith

*We stand and at home, if able, we turn to look in the direction of Church, to affirm  
our faith in God, revealed to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit:*

### APOSTLES' CREED

**All: 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.  
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.**

## INTERCESSIONS

### THE PEACE

Deacon: Jesus said "I have come in order that you might have life. Life in all its fullness." The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

### HYMN [Alleluia, sing to Jesus](#)

1. Alleluia, sing to Jesus,  
his the sceptre, his the throne;  
alleluia, his the triumph,  
his the victory alone:  
hark, the songs of peaceful Sion  
thunder like a mighty flood:  
Jesus, out of ev'ry nation,  
hath redeemed us by his blood.

2. Alleluia, not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now;  
alleluia, he is near us,  
faith believes, nor questions how;  
though the cloud from sight received him  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise,  
"I am with you evermore"?

3. Alleluia, bread of angels,  
here on earth our food, our stay;  
alleluia, here the sinful  
come to you from day to day.  
Intercessor, friend of sinners,  
earth's redeemer, plead for me,  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.

4. Alleluia, King eternal,  
he the Lord of lords we own;  
alleluia, born of Mary,  
earth his footstool, heav'n his throne;  
he within the veil has entered  
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;  
he on earth both priest and victim  
in the Eucharistic Feast.

*(words: William Chatterton Dix, alt editors of 'Complete Anglican Hymns Old & New';  
music: Rowland Huw Pritchard, arr Ralph Vaughan Williams)*

*The Table is prepared in Church. At home, now is the time to say the Lord's Prayer (below) and consume the food and drink you have prepared.*

## We tell the story of salvation

Priest: The Lord is here.

**All: God's 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.**

Glorious God, in Moses, the prophets and the psalms you showed your purpose for your people and your love for the world. In Jesus you fulfilled your promises and opened to us your heart. In his passion and death we saw the consequences of our rejection and the depth of your yearning. Yet you raised Jesus from the tomb. In his resurrection you invite us into the company of your eternal joy, and in his ascension on high you seal as complete his work among us. So with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we praise you for ever, singing:

*Repeat each line after cantor*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord!**

**God of power and God of might.**

**Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is he who comes**

**in the name of the Lord most high.**

**Hosanna.**

**Hosanna.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Gracious God, your Son at his ascension promised the disciples they would be clothed with power from on high. Send now your Holy Spirit, that we may know the presence of your Son among us and that bread broken and wine outpoured may be for us his body and blood. Who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them saying, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

*A bell is rung*

After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "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."

*A bell is rung*

**All:** Great the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died,**  
**Christ is risen**  
**Christ will come again.**

Generous God, your Son told his disciples to stay in the city until they were clothed by the Spirit. Give courage to those whom you call to stay in places of danger and confusion when their hearts are full of doubt and disillusion. Your Son withdrew from the disciples when they did not know what the future would hold. Be close to all who face an uncertain future and deeply know their need of you. Your Son's disciples were continually in the temple praising you, Give your Church a fresh outpouring of your Spirit and make it a blessing to all the children of your earth; until the completion of your whole creation, and you are all in all, one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Deacon: 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.**

Priest: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All:** **Though we are many, we are one body.**  
**For we all share in one bread.**

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you. Eat in remembrance that he died and now lives for you, and feed on him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving.

*We sing:* **Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.**  
**Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.**  
**Jesus, Redeemer of the world, give us your peace. (x2)**

*We pause to remember all who pray at home, then share the bread, now for us the body of Christ.*

### *SONG during Communion*

1. Holy forever and every is God,  
over all creatures the sovereign Lord,  
who was, and is, and who is yet to come. *Alleluia!*
2. Praise to our Maker and Mover we sing,  
glory and honour and blessing we bring;  
all our existence depends on the Lord. *Alleluia!*
3. Worthy are you, who by shedding your blood,  
brought from all nations a people for God.  
Folk of all races you call to be priests. *Alleluia!*
4. Worthy the Lamb who was sentenced and slain!  
Worthy the Lamb in his rising again!  
Worthy of power and wisdom and wealth, *alleluia!*
5. Blessing an honour and glory and might  
be to the Lamb on the throne, as is right.  
Let earth and heaven unite to exclaim *alleluia! Amen.*

*(words: John L Bell & Graham Maule, based on Revelation 5, 7; music: John L Bell)*

## We are sent out

*We pray*

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with your Word *[and with the body and blood of Christ]*. Strengthen us in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

### THE BLESSING

*[May]* the Spirit of truth lead *us* into all truth, give *us* grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord and strengthen *us* to proclaim the word and works of God, and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among *us* and remain with *us* always. **Amen.**

### HYMN

[Give us the wings of faith](#)

1. Give us the wings of faith to rise  
within the veil, and see  
the saints above, how great their joys,  
how bright their glories be.

2. Once they were mourning here below,  
their couch was wet with tears;  
they wrestled hard, as we do now,  
with sins and doubts and fears.

3. We ask them whence their vict'ry came:  
they, with united breath,  
ascribe the conquest to the Lamb,  
their triumph to his death.

4. They marked the footsteps that he trod,  
his zeal inspired their breast,  
and, foll'wing their incarnate God,  
they reached the promised rest.

5. Our glorious Leader claims our praise  
for his own pattern giv'n;  
while the great cloud of witnesses  
show the same path to heav'n. *(words: Isaac Watts alt; music: John Joubert)*

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ, Amen.**



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