

Morning Worship Online – 16th May 2021

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Words of Welcome – Gareth

I. The Introduction

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

This is the day that the Lord has made:

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

We have come together as the family of God in our Father's presence, to offer him praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive his word, to bring before him the needs of the world and to seek his grace, that, through his Son, Jesus Christ, we may give ourselves to his service.

Heavenly Father, Your blessed Son asked that His Church be one as You and He are one, but Christians have not been united as He prayed.

We have isolated ourselves from each other and have failed to listen to each other.

We have misunderstood and ridiculed and even gone so far as to attack each other.

In doing so we have offended against You,

against all our brothers and sisters in the Church

and against all who have not believed in You because of our scandalous disunity.

Forgive us Father, and make us fully one.

Blot out our sins, renew our minds, rekindle our hearts, and guide us by Your Holy Spirit into the oneness that is Your Will.

Silence

Let us confess our sins to the Father and seek his pardon and peace.

**Almighty and merciful God,
we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed.**

**We have not loved you with all our heart;
and we have not loved others as Christ loves us.**

We are truly sorry.

In your mercy, forgive us.

**Help us to amend our lives;
that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy on you and set you free from sin,
strengthen you in goodness and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Opening responses...

Happy are those who follow the ways of the Lord.

God's ways are just and merciful.

Those who follow God's ways are continually nourished in faith.

In all that they do, they prosper.

Come, let us open our hearts to God's compassionate love.

Let us celebrate God's mercy and justice. AMEN.

~ written by Nancy C. Townley, and posted on the **Ministry Matters** website. <http://www.ministrymatters.com/>

2. The Ministry of the Word

Hymn – Praise to the Holiest, in the height (Choir of St John's Church, Maindee, Newport)

Reading – John 17:6-19 (NIV)

[Jesus said,] ⁶“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. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. ⁸For 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. ⁹I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. ¹¹I 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. ¹²While 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.

¹³“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. ¹⁴I 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. ¹⁵My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. ¹⁷Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon – Adam

A Baptismal Creed

**I believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist.**

**I believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again.**

**I believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world.**

**This is the faith of the Church.
This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

3. *Prayers – Gareth*

Concluding with...

Rejoicing in God's new creation, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us...

**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.**

Collect for Seventh Sunday of Easter

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 and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

4. *Conclusion*

Christ our exalted King
pour on you his abundant gifts
that you may serve him
and reign with him in glory...
and the blessing of God Almighty,
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
Be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Farewell Words – Gareth

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

Final Hymn – Spirit of the living God (BandLab)