

Sunday 17 May 2020 – The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:1-11

Get Ready, Get Set, Go!

WELCOME

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Loving God, we welcome you here today.
Thank you for Jesus' hope for all people.
Please meet us today by your Spirit
and help us all to know you and your hope. Amen.

A TIME TO BE STILL

As we turn on the tap
we turn our hearts towards you, O God.

As we wet our hands
Renew our thoughts, so we might be transformed.

As we lather the soap between fingers and across our hands
Purge from us all that brings us harm and harms others.
Remove the guilt and shame, so often hidden, that keeps us from you.

As we rinse our hands,
We trust in your overflowing grace, making all things new. Amen.

Let us give thanks to the God of our Lord Jesus Christ
Who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing.
Before the world was made, God chose us in Christ
That we might be holy and blameless before him.
Let us praise God for the glory of his grace.
For the free gift he gave us in his dear Son.
To Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Give praise and dominion, honour and might, for ever and ever. Amen.

(cf Ephesians 1:3-6)

HYMN

Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:
*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.*

Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
power and majesty concealing
by your humble birth:
*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.*

Suffering servant, scorned, ill - treated,
victim crucified!
death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified:
*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.*

Priestly king, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!
sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:
*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.*

So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:
*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.*

A TIME TO LEARN

A Reading based on [John 14:15-21](#)

Jesus said to his disciples:

¹⁵ “If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be^[a] in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

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

A Talk from Adam – “Getting ready for...”

A TIME TO PRAY

Concluding with The Lord’s Prayer

**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.
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**

CLOSING PRAYER

**Loving God,
Thank you for Christ's hope for all people.
We go now in the power of the Spirit
to live in your hope
And to share your hope with all. Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Thy Kingdom Come (to the tune of How Great Thou Art)

Song words for reflection are overleaf or join in singing by clicking this link. The link will also be placed in the Comments box at the end of the service.

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CLOSING HYMN

**Thy Kingdom Come – Lord teach us how to pray
For all to know your joy, your peace and love
And know your friendship each and every day
The breath of Christ, the Father's gentle dove**

**Thy Kingdom Come – Christ's prayer to make us one
That all may know the Father sent the Son
To celebrate the victory He has won
In love and grace we pray: 'thy will be done'**

**Thy Kingdom Come – we pray for those we know
To turn and follow you for all their days
and in your love find peace and service grow
Our one desire and hope your highest praise**

**Thy Kingdom Come – transform our human ways
Our lives laid down in mercy, truth and care
Nations renewed, in giving thanks and praise
To see God's Kingdom come: this is our prayer**

**Thy Kingdom Come – we praise your Holy name
Your sacrifice and rising sets us free
That by our words and lives we may proclaim
By Jesus' risen life, God's victory!**

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