

# Morning Worship - 10<sup>th</sup> May 2020

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

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Sermon: Jenny Warrington

### Welcome

We begin our time together this morning by taking a few moments to reflect. To reflect, in the midst of difficulty and challenge, how we have also been aware of God's presence and loving care; to give him thanks for how he has been at work in our lives and the lives of others over the past week or so; to give thanks for what we see of his goodness and beauty around us.

*Time to reflect in the quiet*

### Opening Praise - Psalm 145:1-9 (Good News Translation)

**I will proclaim your greatness, my God and king;**

**I will thank you forever and ever.**

**Every day I will thank you;**

**I will praise you forever and ever.**

**The Lord is great and is to be highly praised;**

**his greatness is beyond understanding.**

**What you have done will be praised**

**from one generation to the next;**

**they will proclaim your mighty acts.**

**They will speak of your glory and majesty,**

**and I will meditate on your wonderful deeds.**

**People will speak of your mighty deeds,**

**and I will proclaim your greatness.**

**They will tell about all your goodness**

**and sing about your kindness.**

**The Lord is loving and merciful,**

**slow to become angry and full of constant love.**

**He is good to everyone**

**and has compassion on all he made.**

## **Invitation to Confession**

The Lord is loving and merciful, slow to anger and full of constant love. He has shown his love supremely in his Son, Jesus, whose sacrificial love for us on the cross enables us to receive forgiveness for those ways in which we have failed to love him and our neighbour.

So, let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

## **Confession**

Merciful Father,  
we confess to you the wrong things we have done:  
**Forgive us, Lord, for we are sorry.**

We confess to you the wrong things we have said:  
**Forgive us, Lord, for we are sorry.**

We confess to you the wrong things we have thought:  
**Forgive us, Lord, for we are sorry.**

And we confess to you the things we have failed to do, failed to say, and failed to think:  
**Forgive us, Lord, for we are sorry.**

## **Absolution**

May the God of love  
bring you back to himself,  
forgive you your sins,  
and assure you of his eternal love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **Collect**

Risen Christ,  
your wounds declare your love for the world  
and the wonder of your risen life:  
give us compassion and courage  
to risk ourselves for those we serve,  
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

**Songs** - Give thanks to the Lord our God and King  
Blessed be your name

**Bible Readings:** Acts 11:1-18 (Pete C)  
John 13:31-35 (Esther)

**At the end of each reading:**  
This is the word of the Lord:  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **Sermon**

## **Affirmation of Faith**

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

**Intercessions** (Stuart)

## **The Lord's Prayer**

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.

## **Notices**

## **Hymn - In Christ alone**

## **Blessing**

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 among you and remain with you always.  
Amen.

## **Dismissal**

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