



The **Scottish Episcopal Church**

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United Diocese of Glasgow & Galloway

To help you join in the online service for
6th Sunday of Easter during the coronavirus pandemic



Easter Season

Sunday 17 May 2020

The Eucharist for
6th Sunday of Easter
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Opening Hymn: Breath on me breath of God from
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M5keJHZdWYM>

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

Grace and peace to you from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The theme for the service is introduced

COLLECT FOR PURITY

**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.**

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

God is love and we are God's children.
There is no room for fear in love.
We love because God loved us first.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**God our Father, we confess to you
and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and in what we have failed to do.**

We are truly sorry.

**Forgive us our sins,
and deliver us from the power of evil,
for the sake of your Son who died for us,
Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

God, who is both power and love,
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by the Holy Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

GLORIA - *Christ Light of the Nations setting normally used at St Margaret's*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Merciful God,

**you have prepared for those who love you
riches beyond imagination.**

**Pour into our hearts such love towards you that we,
loving you above all things,**

may obtain your promises

which exceed all that we can desire;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

**who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



FIRST READING - Acts 17.22–31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. 23 For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. 24 The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, 25 nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. 26 From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, 27 so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him – though indeed he is not far from each one of us. 28 For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring." 29 Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. 30 While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, 31 because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

For the word of the Lord **THANKS BE TO GOD**

PSALM Psalm 66.7–18

**Response: Bless our God, you peoples;
let the sound of his praise be heard.**

7 Bless our God, you peoples;
make the voice of his praise to be heard.

8 Who holds our souls in life, and will not allow our feet to slip.

**Bless our God, you peoples;
let the sound of his praise be heard.**

9 For you, O God, have proved us;
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

10 You brought us into the snare;
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water;
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

**Bless our God, you peoples;
let the sound of his praise be heard.**

12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay
you my vows, which I promised with my lips and spoke with
my mouth when I was in trouble.

13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of
rams; I will give you oxen and goats.

**Bless our God, you peoples;
let the sound of his praise be heard.**

14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what
he has done for me.

15 I called out to him with my mouth,
and his praise was on my tongue.

16 If I had found evil in my heart,
the Lord would not have heard me;

**Bless our God, you peoples;
let the sound of his praise be heard.**

17 But in truth God has heard me;
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

18 Blessèd be God, who has not rejected my prayer,
nor withheld his love from me.

**Bless our God, you peoples;
let the sound of his praise be heard.**

SECOND READING 1 Peter 3.13–22

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? 14 But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, 15 but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; 16 yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. 17 For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. 18 For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, 19 in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, 20 who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. 21 And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from

the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

For the word of the Lord **THANKS BE TO GOD**

Gradual Hymn: Seek ye first the kingdom of God from <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S1Y8Naj3RFk>

GOSPEL John 14.15–21

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to Christ our Saviour

Jesus said to his disciples:

15 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. 17 This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. 18 I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. 19 In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. 20 On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. 21 They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

SERMON

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**We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one substance with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son, he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

INTERCESSIONS

We use the vesicle & response

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

At the end of the intercessions we say:

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

PEACE

We meet in Christ's name

let us share his peace.

Alleluia alleluia! The peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you Alleluia Alleluia!

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Offertory hymn Guide me O thou great Redeemer from

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SkVT8O5E1rM>

OFFERING

Let us present our offerings to the Lord.

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 we give you.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, Author of all being.
Your power sustains, your love restores, our broken world.
You are unceasingly at work,
from chaos bringing order
and filling emptiness with life.
Christ, raised from the dead,
proclaims the dawn of hope.
He lives in us that we may walk in light.

Your Spirit is fire in us,
your breath is power
to purge our sin
and warm our hearts to love.
As children of your redeeming purpose,
freed by him who burst from the tomb
and opened the gate of life,
we offer you our praise,
with angels and archangels
and the whole company of heaven,
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

we sing Holy, Holy, Holy
sung using Christ Light of the Nations setting

Praise and thanksgiving be to you, Lord of all,
for by the Cross eternal life is ours
and death is swallowed up in victory.

In the first light of Easter
glory broke from the tomb
and changed the women's sorrow into joy.

From the Garden the mystery dawned
that he whom they had loved and lost
is with us now
in every place for ever.

Making himself known in the breaking of the bread,
speaking peace to the fearful disciples,
welcoming weary fishermen on the shore,
he renewed the promise of his presence
and of new birth in the Spirit
who sets the seal of freedom on your sons and daughters.
Before he was given up to suffering and death,
recalling the night of Israel's release,
the night in which slaves walked free,
at supper with his disciples
he took bread and offered you thanks.
He broke the bread,
and gave it to them, saying:

"Take, eat.

This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks,
and gave it to them saying:

*"Drink this, all of you.
This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all,
that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me."*

**We now obey your Son's command.
We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts
and with them ourselves,
a single, holy, living sacrifice.**

Hear us, most merciful Father,
and send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and this wine,
that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

**Help us, who are baptised into
the fellowship of Christ's Body
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love
until at last, in your new creation,
we enter into our heritage
in the company of the Virgin Mary,
the apostles and prophets,
and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be to you,
Lord of all ages,
world without end.
Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The living bread is broken for the life of the world.
Lord, unite us in this sign.

LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour has taught *or*
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.
Do not bring us
to the time of trial
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the
power
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has
commanded and taught us,
we are bold to say:
**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.**

COMMUNION SONG

Lamb of God *sung using Christ Light of the Nations*

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

Our Spiritual Communion prayer

We make our Spiritual Communion as we pray privately

God of unending love,
you are present to us in Word and Sacrament.
With all around the world who gather to worship,
I offer you my praise and thanksgiving;
and though I cannot eat the bread of God,
or drink the royal wine of heaven,
I pray that I may know the fountain of your love drench my heart
and your Incarnate presence encompass me behind and before,
that through the power of your Spirit,
I may rejoice in the sure and certain hope
that I abide in your wondrous love now and for all eternity,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen..

followed by This is my body from

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D3xwGEFXcNw>

THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious.

And his mercy endures for ever.

Post Communion Prayer of the day

Father,
you restored us to life by raising your Son from death.
May we who receive this sacrament
always be strengthened to do your will,
in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen**

General Thanksgiving Prayer

Father,
your steadfast purpose is the completion
of all things in your Son.
May we who have received the pledges of the kingdom,
live by faith, walk in hope and be renewed in love,
until the world reflects your glory
and you are all in all;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Notices — *shout-outs and messages*

BLESSING

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord
Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;
and the blessing of God almighty,
+ the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**



Closing hymn: Colours of Day from
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J4kFVUfM3PA>

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia Alleluia!
In the name of Christ. Alleluia alleluia!.

Closing music Highland Cathedral (Pipe organ and Bagpipe) - Rafael Ferreyra & Pablo Rocco from <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Iq7R2PpchBQ>

and the Regina Coeli - Couperin from <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nay2g6aewNI>

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Happy Easter Season 2020

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