



The **Scottish Episcopal Church**

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United Diocese of Glasgow & Galloway

To help you join in the online service for
7th Sunday of Easter during the coronavirus pandemic



Easter Season

Sunday 24 May 2020

The Eucharist for 7th Sunday of Easter

Sunday after Ascension Day

Scottish Episcopal Church

7th Sunday of Easter Eucharist

Opening Hymn: God is love let heaven adore him from <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SqqBu1VVHqM>

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 *sung using The Salisbury Setting normally used at St Johns*

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 Antonio Vivaldi - Gloria in excelsis Deo from
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LqRX2SbSKrE> -

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God,

**you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven.**

**Mercifully give us faith to know that,
as he promised, he abides with us on earth
to the end of time; 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 1.6–14

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.



When the apostles had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' 7 He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' 9 When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. 11 They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.' 12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. 13 When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. 14 All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brother

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

PSALM Psalm 68.1–10, 32–36 (BCP) from

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XNXXYO5OMjA>

Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered let them also that hate him flee before him.

2 Like as the smoke vanisheth, so shalt thou drive them away : and like as wax melteth at the fire, so let the ungodly perish at the presence of

God.

- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God : let them also be merry and joyful.
- 4 O sing unto God, and sing praises unto his Name : magnify him that rideth upon the heavens, as it were upon an horse; praise him in his Name jah, and rejoice before him.
- 5 He is a father of the fatherless, and defendeth the cause of the widows : even God in his holy habitation.
- 6 He is the God that maketh men to be of one mind in an house, and bringeth the prisoners out of captivity : but letteth the runagates continue in scarceness.
- 7 O God, when thou wentest forth before the people : when thou wentest through the wilderness;
- 8 The earth shook, and the heavens dropped at the presence of God : even as Sinai also was moved at the presence of God, who is the God of Israel.
- 9 Thou, O God, sentest a gracious rain upon thine inheritance : and refreshedst it when it was weary.
- 10 Thy congregation shall dwell therein : for thou, O God, hast of thy goodness prepared for the poor.
- 32 Sing unto God, O ye kingdoms of the earth : O sing praises unto the Lord;
- 33 Who sitteth in the heavens over all from the beginning : lo, he doth send out his voice, yea, and that a mighty voice.
- 34 Ascribe ye the power to God over Israel : his worship and strength is in the clouds.
- 35 O God, wonderful art thou in thy holy places : even the God of Israel, he will give strength and power unto his people; blessed be God.

SECOND READING 1 Peter 4.12–14; 5.6–11

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. 13 But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy

when his glory is revealed. 14 If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. 6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. 7 Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. 8 Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. 9 Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. 10 And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. 11 To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.
For the word of the Lord **THANKS BE TO GOD**

Gradual Hymn: Father God I wonder from
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t8OjxzNEzBk>

GOSPEL John 17.1–11

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to Christ our Saviour

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, 2 since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. 3 And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. 4 I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. 5 So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the

world existed. 6 I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. 7 Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; 8 for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. 9 I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. 10 All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. 11 And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.'

[Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.](#)

Praise to Christ our Lord.

SERMON

NICENE CREED

**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: God is working His purpose out from
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Iiuxet4pJ-c>

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 The Salisbury Setting normally used at St Johns

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* As our Saviour Christ has

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.**

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 The Salisbury Setting normally used at St Johns*

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 The Lord Bless You and Keep You (John Rutter) -
Virtual Choir by Batavia Madrigal Singers from
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=akT32E83zjI>*

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

Eternal God,
may we who share Christ's banquet be one with him
as he is one with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,
the risen and ascended 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

Christ our king make you faithful and strong to do his will, that you may 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.**

Closing hymn: Love divine from

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jmzCF6Gg9Mw>

DISMISSAL

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

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Closing music "Sortie in E-flat" by Louis-James-Alfred Lefébure-Wély, 1817-1869, played by Director of Music Anthony Hunt at St Peters Cathedral Adalaide from <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ub2LjSUuK50>

We made this video for this 7th Sunday of Easter 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown. All contributions were sent in by telephone, email or file transfer – no social contacts were made to create this act of worship.

Family Lockdown Boogie from <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G-ugfNXYcDg>
Corona Virus in the style of The Beatles Sing Along from https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C5_4TLrVII

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