

Prayer and worship at home



7th Sunday of Easter, 2021

Preparation

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

The Act of Penitence

What God has prepared for those who love him, he has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything. In penitence let us open our hearts to the Lord, who has prepared good things for those who love him.

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:
Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart:
Christ, have mercy
Christ, have mercy

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided:
Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

Words of forgiveness

May the God of love and power forgive us and free us from our sins, heal and strengthen us by his Spirit, and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Special Prayer for this week

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

The Word of the Lord

Acts 1.15-17,21-end

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.'

So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

The Holy Gospel | John 15. 9 - 17

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: 'Father, 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.'

Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; 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. 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. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. 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. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

Affirmation of faith

Let us declare our faith
in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe.
Amen.**

Prayers of intercession

*(Here you may wish to offer prayer in your own words,
or be prompted by the words here)*

*We pray for the Church of God throughout the world:
for the Diocese of Blackburn and for Julian, Philip and
Jill our bishops...*

*We continue to give thanks for the resurrection of Jesus
Christ and for the hope and light He brings into the
world...*

We pray for the Diocesan Coronavirus Task Group...

*We pray for all living with Covid-19... for those caring
for them and for all who are anxious or worried...*

*We pray for our NHS and all doctors and nurses...
We remember those who have died in recent days, and
all whom we love but see no longer... may they rest for
ever in the light and peace of Christ.*

The Lord's Prayer

Joining with Christians throughout the world,
we pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven....

or

Our Father in heaven....

The Grace

We conclude our prayers

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

Readings for the coming week

Monday	Psalm 93	John 16.29-end
Tuesday	Psalm 99	John 17.1-11
Wednesday	Psalm 29	John 17.11-19
Thursday	Psalm 24.	John 17.20-end
Friday	Psalm 28	John 21.15-19
Saturday	Psalm 43	John 21.20-end

