



Prayer and worship at home



6th 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

As we pray, we reflect on the week that has passed and ask the Lord for his forgiveness and healing.

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you feed us with the living bread.
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 Christ,
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

The Word of the Lord

Acts 10.44-end

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The Holy Gospel | John 15. 9 - 17

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name.

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.**

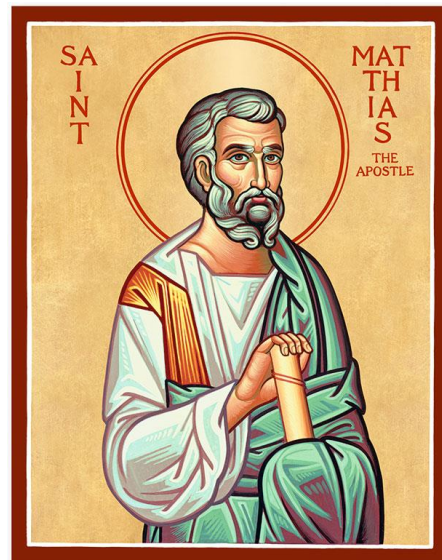
Readings for the coming week:

Monday	Psalm 65	John 15.26-16.4
Tuesday	Psalm 126	John 16.5-11
Wednesday	Psalm 132	John 16.12-15



Ascension Day

Acts 1.1-11
Psalm 47
Ephesians 1.15-end
Luke 24.44-end



Friday – St. Matthias

Acts 1.15-end
Psalm 15
John 15.9-17

Saturday Psalm 47 John 16.23-28