

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF LAMBTON
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 2.5.2021

Processional Hymn **TiS 152**

(Please stand if you are able)

**Joyful, joyful, we adore you, God of glory, God of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before you opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**

**All your works with joy surround you, earth and heav'n reflect your rays,
stars and angels sing around you, centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
singing bird and flowing fountain call to praise you joyfully.**

**You are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest.
You our Father, Christ our brother, all are yours who live in love;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to your joy above.**

Adapted from Ludwig Van Beethoven 1770-1827 *arr.* Lawrence Francis Bartlett 1933-2002
Henry Van Dyke 1852-1933 *alt.*

Sentence

In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. 1 John 4.10-11

The Priest greets the people.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

Christ is risen. Alleluia

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Let us pray:

**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.**

'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself'.

Invitation to Confession

Christ our Passover Lamb has been offered for us, therefore we come to celebrate the festival.

Silence may be kept

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and a true heart.

**Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us,
Strengthen us to love and obey you
in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:**

have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect

O God, form the minds of your faithful people, that we may love what you command and desire what you promise, so that, amid the many changes of this world, our hearts may there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

The Old Testament Reading Acts 8. 26-40

...For the word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

The Psalm Reading 22. 26-32

The New Testament Reading 1 John 4. 7-21

...For the word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Hymn MP 792

**You are the Vine, we are the branches, keep us abiding in You.
You are the Vine we are the branches, keep us abiding in you.**

**Then we'll grow in Your love then we'll go in Your name,
that the world will surely know that You have power to heal and to save.**

You are the Vine, we are the branches keep us abiding in You.

Words and Music: Danny Daniels Music arranged Christopher Norton

The Gospel Matthew John 15. 1-8

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ...

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

This is the Gospel of the Lord

praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon.

After the Sermon there may be a time of quiet reflection.

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church.

**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 being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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 and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who 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.**

The Prayers of the People

Loving and merciful God,

We give you thanks and we pray for this incredible world. We pray for the places torn apart by disaster or violence. We pray for those countries facing crisis due to the Coronavirus pandemic, remembering particularly India, and Papua New Guinea. We pray for a just sharing of the riches of the world, and we pray for access to treatment and vaccination for the poorest, as for the wealthy.

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We give you thanks and we pray for our nation. We pray for the ancient cultures of this land, giving thanks for those First Nations people who fight for cultural survival and pride. We pray for people who feel torn between cultures, and especially for those separated from loved ones by closed borders. We pray for all who lead us a nation, both those elected and others with power and influence, may they be compassionate and wise.

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We give you thanks and we pray for your Church throughout the world. Especially we pray for our Orthodox sisters and brothers as they walk the sacred mysteries of Holy Week and Easter. We pray for the Anglican Diocese of Newcastle, with all its Parishes, Agencies and Schools. We pray for Bishop Peter with Bishops Sonia and Charlie. We pray for our Parish, that we may proclaim your love by our ways of being in the world; may we be agents for inclusion, respect and dignity for all.

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We thank you that you long for wholeness for all people, and we pray for those in need. We pray for those who mourn, those who are sick, and those in need of comfort. We pray your loving hand on all who are struggling today with substance abuse, mental illness, loneliness and despair. May they know your constant love and strength.

As the evenings get darker and colder, we pray for those in insecure housing, for those sleeping in their cars, for those who fear what the future will bring. In this community we pray for political resolve and community determination to achieve more just, equitable and affordable housing solutions.

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We give you thanks that your love stretches beyond time and space. We give thanks for those who have entered into your eternity, and we pray that we with all your saints will be brought to the fulness of life in your presence.

In Jesus' name we pray,

Amen.

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to 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.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen

Jesus said: Come to me all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11.28

Let us pray.

We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord,

trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.

But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy.

**Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

Greeting of Peace

Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn TiS 160

A thanksgiving offertory collection is received for the work of the Church.

**Father all-loving and ruling in majesty, judgment is yours, and condemns all our pride;
stir up our rulers and people to penitence, sorrow for sins that for vengeance have cried.**

**Blessèd Lord Jesus, born humbly in poverty, sharing a stable with beasts at your birth,
stir us to work for your justice and charity, truly to care for the poor upon earth.**

**Come, Holy Spirit, create in us holiness, lift up our lives to your standard of right;
stir every will to new ventures of faithfulness,
flood the whole church with your glorious light.**

**Holiest Trinity, perfect in unity, bind in your love every nation and race:
may we adore you for time and eternity, Father, Redeemer and Spirit of grace.**

Melody from a MS Çhoral-Buch' of Johann Heinrich Reinhardt, Üttingen, 1754

Patrick Robert Norman Appleford 1925- *alt.*

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.

Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.

Accept and use our offerings for your glory

And for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God for ever!

The Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary
and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

And now we give you thanks
that you raised him to life triumphant,
and exalted him in glory.

By his victory over death, the reign of sin is ended,
a new day has dawned, a broken world is restored
and we are made whole once more.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
And with all the company of heaven,
We proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Feel free to remain standing, to kneel or be seated.

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your
creation,
this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them

may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;

and when he had given you thanks

he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,

'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,

and again giving you thanks he gave it to his disciples, saying,

Drink from this, all of you.

This is my blood of the new covenant

shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:

proclaiming his offering of himself

made once for all upon the cross,

his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,

and looking for his coming again,

we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,

his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice

for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,

unite us in the body of your Son,

and bring us with all your people

into the joy of your eternal kingdom;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

with whom, and in whom,

in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we worship you,

Father, in songs of never-ending praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power

are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread and the Communion

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body,

For we all share in the one bread.

Agnus Dei

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

Reflection Hymn TiS 513

**Bread of heav'n, on you we feed, for your flesh is food indeed:
ever may our souls be fed with this true and living bread,
day by day with strength supplied through the life of him who died.**

**Vine of heav'n, your blood supplies this blest cup of sacrifice:
Lord your wounds our healing give; to your cross we look and live:
you our life, O let us be fed by you eternally.**

William Dalrymple Maclagan 1826-1910 Josiah Conder 1789-1855 alt.

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, giver of life,
in the breaking of the bread we know the risen Lord.
May we who celebrate this holy feast
walk in his risen light
and bring new life to all creation.

Father,
**we offer ourselves to you
as a living sacrifice
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.**

Notices

The Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you what is 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.**

Recessional Hymn TiS 531

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,

**the people of God from his table take leave.
The supper is ended: may now be extended
the fruits of his service in all who believe.
The seed of his teaching, our hungry souls reaching
shall blossom in action for all humankind.
His grace shall incite us, his love shall unite us
to work for his kingdom, his purpose to find.**

**With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living
the tasks of our everyday life we will face,
our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing as neighbours all those of each race.
One feast that has fed us, one light that has led us,
unite us as one in his life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving,
give honour to Christ and his name that we bear.**

Welsh traditional melody (L.F.B.) Omer Westendorf 1916- *alt.*

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

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