

Sanderstead Team Ministry

All Saints' Church

Sunday 17th May 2020

Easter 6

A Service with Holy Communion



*Extending God's Welcome to All.
Committed to Grow – in Discipleship, Service and Numbers*

We are not physically together; we are not meeting socially. Yet, by faith and by the Holy Spirit, we meet together as friends and followers of Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, 'I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever — the Spirit of truth.'

You may wish to light a candle, and if you would like to share in Communion, prepare a table with bread and wine.

The service order has links to the songs.

Hymn: 'He is Lord' <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bu5LSVKdGCs>

HE IS LORD, HE IS LORD,

He is risen from the dead, and He is Lord.
Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord.

He is Lord, He is Lord,
He is risen from the dead, and He is Lord.
Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord.
that Jesus Christ is King.

Unknown

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.**

Preparation *This prayer is said*

**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.**

The minister leads us in the special prayer (the 'Collect') for today

**God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life,
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns,
now and for ever.
Amen**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-end

¹³ Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened." ¹⁵ But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the

hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,¹⁶ keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behaviour in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.¹⁷ For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit.¹⁹ After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits—²⁰ to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water,²¹ and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ,²² who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: John 14:15-21

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵ "If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Apostles' Creed

**We believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers of Intercession

We use this bidding and response:
*Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer***

We pray for...

- Our government and our nation.
- The world and those in great need.
- The local community
- Church leaders and congregations.

These prayers end with...

Merciful Father,
**Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our
Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament



The priest greets the people in peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you'. Then they were glad when they saw the Lord.

The peace of the Lord be always with you,
and also with you.

We greet one another with a sign of peace.

Hymn: 'All heaven declares the glory of the risen Lord'
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sGyUiikiyEc>

ALL HEAVEN DECLARES THE GLORY OF THE RISEN LORD

Who can compare with the beauty of the Lord?

Forever He will be

The Lamb upon the throne.

I gladly bow the knee

and worship Him alone.

I will proclaim the glory of the risen Lord

Who once was slain to reconcile man to God.

Forever You will be

The Lamb upon the throne.

I gladly bow the knee

and worship You alone.

The table is prepared

The following may be said:

Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest.
Make yourself known in the breaking of bread.

Amen

The Eucharistic Prayer (Prayer H)

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 thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love on the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;

do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in
Christ,
our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voices to join the eternal song of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Let us pray

As our Saviour taught 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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
Amen.**

The priest breaks the consecrated bread

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

The Invitation

Christ welcomes you to his table.
Draw near with faith.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
Grant us peace.

The Holy Communion is distributed.

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen**
The blood of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

Time of Quiet

Prayer after Communion

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen**

Prayer of God's Blessing

God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.

Amen

God the Son, who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory,
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

Amen

God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord,
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

Amen

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.



HYMN: To God be the Glory

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-15v9iworAU>

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

great things he hath done;
so loved he the world
that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life
an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate
that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!
let the earth hear his voice;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord!
let the people rejoice:
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory; great things he hath done.*

O perfect redemption,
the purchase of blood!
to every believer
the promise of God;
the vilest offender
who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus
a pardon receives.

Great things he hath taught us,
great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing
through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher,
and greater will be
our wonder, our rapture,
when Jesus we see.

Frances Jane van Alstyne (Fanny J. Crosby) (1820-1915)