

**Morning Prayer at home
for the Easter season:
24 May 2020: Sunday after Ascension Day**



from St Lawrence Church, Bovington

Hymn: I the Lord of sea and sky

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Preparation

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.
Let us rejoice and sing God's praise for ever.

Although apart, we come together in the name of Christ
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,
to hear and receive God's holy word,
to pray for the needs of the world,
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may give ourselves to the service of God.

Lord, speak to us
that we may hear your word.
Move among us
that we may behold your glory.
Receive our prayers
that we may learn to trust you.
Amen.

Prayers of Penitence

Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

cf 1 Corinthians 5.7,

**Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore to us the joy of your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse us from *our* sins,
and restore *us* in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Blessed is the Lord,
for he has heard the voice of our prayer;

Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy
and in our song will we praise our God.

Blessed are you, Lord our God,
creator and redeemer of all;
to you be glory and praise for ever.
From the waters of chaos you drew forth the world
and in your great love fashioned us in your image.

And now we give you thanks
because, after his most glorious resurrection,
Christ appeared to his disciples,
and in their sight ascended into heaven
to prepare a place for us;
that where he is, thither we might also ascend,
and reign with him in glory.

May Christ your light ever dawn in our hearts
as we offer you our sacrifice of thanks and praise.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
Blessed be God for ever.

The Word of God

Readings (see separate sheet)

At the end of the reading the reader may say
This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The readings may be followed by a time of silence.

Hymn: Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour

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These acclamations may be made:

Alleluia.

Alleluia!

God has highly exalted Jesus Christ

Alleluia!

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow

Alleluia!

Let every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord

Alleluia!

Philippians 2.9-11

The Creed

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

I 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.

I 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.

Prayers (see separate sheet)

The Collect for the Sunday after Ascension Day:

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place
where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

The Lord's Prayer is said

**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.**

Sermon

A You Tube talk by our Reader, Gill Barrett

<https://youtu.be/FXjCfra-a6o>

Hymn: At the name of Jesus

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OI2rKRCWmOU>

The Conclusion

The Blessing

**God of our salvation,
you have restored us to life,
you have brought us back again into your love
by the triumphant death and resurrection of Christ.
Continue to heal us,
as we go to live and work
in the power of your Spirit,
to your praise and glory.**

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,
and keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

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