

FAMILY COMMUNION

SUNDAY after **ASCENSION**

24 May 2020

GREETING:

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Welcome

OPENING HYMN

At the name of Jesus

Every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess Him
King of glory now;
'Tis the Father's pleasure
We should call Him Lord,
Who from the beginning
Was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season,
To receive a name
From the lips of sinners
Unto whom He came;
Faithfully He bore it
Spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious,
When from death He passed.

Bore it up triumphant
With its human light,
Through all ranks of creatures
To the central height,
To the throne of Godhead,
To the Father's breast,
Filled it with the glory
Of that perfect rest.

Truly, this Lord Jesus
Shall return again,
With His Father's glory,
With His angel-train;
For all wreaths of empire
Meet upon His brow,
And our hearts confess Him
King of glory now.

CONFESSION: invitation

**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 wrong doing
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.**

ABSOLUTION: God's forgiveness

COLLECT: Easter 7 -
Sunday After Ascension

***CHILDREN'S TALK: The
Ascension by Alison Phillips***

SONG:

**Blessed be the name of the
Lord,**

GOSPEL: John 14 v15-21

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

TALK: Tim Ward

CREED: Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God:

**Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality
with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human
likeness.
He humbled himself,
and was obedient to death
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him
on high,
and given him the name
above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the
Father. Amen.**

PRAYERS: Sandra Cooke

THE PEACE: *Introduction, then*

The peace of the Lord be always with you:

And also with you.

OFFERTORY:

There's a quiet understanding

THANKSGIVING PRAYER:

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

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.

Almighty God, good Father to us all, your face is turned towards your world.

In love you gave us Jesus your Son

to rescue us from sin and death.

Your Word goes out to call us home to the city where angels sing your praise.

We join with them in heaven's song:

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

**Blessed is he comes in the
name of the Lord.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven.

To the darkness Jesus came as your light.

With signs of faith and words of hope he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean. This is his story.

**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

The crowds came out to see your Son, yet at the end they turned on him.

On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends to celebrate the freedom of your people. This is his story.

**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food; he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: This is my body, given for you all.

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine; he took the cup, gave it and said: This is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me. This is our story.

**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free. Defying death he rose again and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world. This is our story.

**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Send your Spirit on us now that by these gifts we may feed on Christ with opened eyes and hearts on fire.

May we and all who share this food offer ourselves to live for you and be welcomed at your feast in heaven where all creation worships you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

**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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD:

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

**Though we are many, we are
one body because we all
share in one bread.**

INVITATION to communion

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER:

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 & work to your praise and glory. Amen.

NOTICES:

FINAL HYMN:

Rejoice, the Lord is king!

Your Lord and King adore;
Mortals, give thanks, and sing,
And triumph ever more:

*Lift up your heart, lift up your
voice; Rejoice! Again I say:
rejoice!*

Jesus the Saviour reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains,
He took His seat above:

His kingdom cannot fail,
He rules o'er earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus given:

He sits at God's right hand
Till all His foes submit,
And bow to His command,
And fall beneath His feet:

BLESSING:

DISMISSAL:

Go in peace to love and serve
the Lord

In the name of Christ. Amen.