

ST. JOHN THE DIVINE, RASTRICK WELCOME TO

Morning Praise

Sunday 3rd May 2020

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If you are able light a candle as you start the service and if others are in the house
encourage them to reading some of the service with you.*

Introduction

This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

We have 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.



Prayer of Penitence

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So, let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Together we pray:

**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.**

Hymn: [Jesus lives! Thy terrors now](#)

The Word of God

Reading: [Acts 2:42 - end Read by Norman Lake](#)

Hymn: [Psalm 23](#)

Gospel Reading: John 10:1-10 [Video Reading](#)

Reflection – Glenn Tatton

Hymn: [Faithful One, so unchanging](#)

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 of intercession – prepared by Cherry Fancourt

Come Lord Jesus and join with us in our homes as we give thanks and praise for the love you have for each one of us.

We pray Lord for our world overcome by the covid-19 virus sweeping through each country leaving devastation of the economy and heartbreak of losing loved ones and we would ask that you will help and keep safe all those who endanger their lives each and everyday to help others to be healed, fed, cared for and kept safe, so many Lord walk in the valley of the shadow of death but you are our shepherd and we lack nothing, you guide us and comfort us and refresh our souls

Come Lord Jesus and help us.

We pray for all nations trying to cope each day to keep their people safe, we pray especially our own government making difficult decisions to protect the people their businesses, jobs and all those in danger of catching the virus.

We give thanks to our Queen and her family taking time to reassure and give us hope for the future.

As each day passes and the numbers grow of those dying and life becomes more difficult be with us Lord and give us the strength to get through all that lies ahead.

Come Lord Jesus and help us.

We pray for the people of Yemen caught up in warring counties, for the people of the Sudan, for our friends in Mara where the virus has now been detected for Christians being tortured for the beliefs be with each of them Lord and their sufferings.

Come Lord Jesus and help us.

We pray for those who will now lead us in worship through the interregnum and hope that the plan you have for us will lead us forward to a better understanding of our needs and the future you have for us.

We give special thanks to Alan, who prepares our services each week also for Stephen

and those who also contribute giving us hope we are so blessed Lord for the gifts you have given to each one of them Thank you.

Come Lord Jesus and help us.

We pray for our community here in Rastrick with the hope that things will soon be back

to normal bless each of our homes that we will stay safe and find joy and love during these difficult times.

Come Lord Jesus and help us.

We pray for the sick the lonely, the abused and those who are finding things difficult during this lockdown help each one of them Jesus with the touch of your healing hand

remembering those on the prayer board and those known only to ourselves.

Come Lord Jesus and help us.

We pray for those who have lost loved ones unable to be with them at the time of their dying unable to say a proper goodbye surround them Lord with your love for you know of their distress and give them comfort we remember especially Stephen Guy who passed away suddenly on Monday and hold Jenny, Sarah Clare, and the family close to yourself Lord and give them strength to cope with their loss.

Come Lord Jesus and help us.

May God bless us, protect and direct us, cherish us, nourish us, encourage us and delight us day by day as we walk with you Lord Jesus.

Merciful Father accept these prayers
for the sake of your son our saviour
Jesus Christ. Amen

A Prayer for Church Growth

God of Mission

**Who along brings growth to your church,
Send your Holy Spirit to give
Vision to our planning
Wisdom to our actions
And power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
In spiritual commitment to you,
And in service to our local community,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

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 Collect for today

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

Hymn: [My Jesus, my Saviour](#)

Final Prayer

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Our service ends with the Grace,
**The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the Love of God,
and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore. Amen.**

To celebrate Easter, 50 young adults from the Taizé community all over the world - singers and instrumentalists - share from their homes the song “In resurrectione tua”.

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