



Sunday Worship at Home 15th May 2022 Easter 5

Opening Prayers:

Alleluia. Christ is Risen

He is Risen Indeed Alleluia

Faithfull one whose word is life, come with saving power to free our praise, inspire our prayer and shape our lives. For the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Invitation to confession:

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

Friend of sinners, you bring hope in our despair.

Lord have mercy.

Healer of the sick, you give strength in our weakness.

Christ have mercy.

Destroyer of evil, you bring life in our dying.

Lord have mercy.

May almighty God who sent his Son into the world to save us,
bring us his pardon and peace, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Collect:

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God Father.

The Gospel reading from John 13: 31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, * God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now, I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

This is the word of the Lord

Reflection on the Gospel:

Jesus gives his friends a new commandment, that they love one another; a command that we as modern-day disciples are so used to hearing that we have become blasé about it, so it is difficult for us to realise just how revolutionary a request this actually was. This band of

Christ's followers" burst" onto the scene after his death surprising people with their attitude to others. They provided emergency funds for those in need, they cared for the orphans, widows, the under-privileged, and the shunned of society. Before Jesus, peoples' kindness and generosity had been extended generally to their families and those they had an affinity with, the thought of helping those they didn't even like was a new concept. Are we any different today? Jesus tells us to love one another, well it's easy to love those we already love, and those who love us. But Jesus calls us to go beyond that, he calls us to live as he did and love those who are completely different from ourselves. Of course, that doesn't mean we stop loving our family and friends, it just means we open our hearts to others and look with kindness and compassion on them too. Love is not on ration, we have enough love to share, and to keep sharing it with ALL those in need by our words and our acts of kindness - just as Jesus did. Amen

The Apostles' 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

Be still and pray:

Pray for the community of the church and village of which you are a part.

For Margaret and John, to be married next Saturday in St Mary's Church, and for the pupils and all the staff of Little Houghton school, giving thanks for their anti-bullying display. We pray for Eddie, Jenny, Alison and myself as we minister in this Benefice, for our musicians, choir and all officers of our PCC's. For those who are sick, ill or grieving at this time, especially the families of Gloria Boyes, John Gautrey and Brenda McMahan, Eric Dix and Janet Bailey. For the Queen as she approaches all anniversary celebrations to be held in her name that she will be well enough to enjoy them. Lord, we pray for the growth of your kingdom in our Benefice and that you will keep us under the shadow of your wings.

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, which art in heaven.....

The Blessing

May God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us victory over death, bless us and give us his peace. Amen.

Reverend Irene