

5th Sunday in the Season of Easter

10th May 2020 at 9.30am

Churn Valley Benefice, Cirencester, UK

Reflections and Prayers

Online Worship

Preparation

O Lord, open our lips

All - and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

In your resurrection, O Christ,

All – Let heaven and Earth rejoice.

A prayer of thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord,
the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the deep waters of death
you brought your people to new birth
by raising your Son to life in triumph.

Through him dark death has been destroyed
and radiant life is everywhere restored.

As you call us out of darkness into his marvellous light
may our lives reflect his glory
and our lips repeat the endless song.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and forever,

All - Amen

Word of God

Psalm 31

¹ In you, Lord, I have taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.

**² Turn your ear to me,
come quickly to my rescue;
be my rock of refuge,
a strong fortress to save me.**

³ Since you are my rock and my fortress,
for the sake of your name lead and guide me.

**⁴ Keep me free from the trap that is set for me,
for you are my refuge.**

⁵ Into your hands I commit my spirit;
deliver me, Lord, my faithful God...

**15 My times are in your hands;
deliver me from the hands of my enemies,
from those who pursue me.**

**16 Let your face shine on your servant;
save me in your unfailing love.**

**Glory to the Father,
and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.**

**As it was in the beginning,
is now and evermore shall be**

All Amen

a time of silence

John 14: 1-14

“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. ² In My Father’s house are many mansions; if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.^[b] ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also. ⁴ And where I go you know, and the way you know.”

⁵ Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?”

⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

⁷ “If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him.”

⁸ Philip said to Him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us.”

9 Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? **10** Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own *authority*; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. **11** Believe Me that I *am* in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.

12 “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater *works* than these he will do, because I go to My Father. **13** And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. **14** If you ask^[c] anything in My name, I will do *it*.

a time of silence

Reflection



The Prayers

Today's Collect

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome
death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that,
as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

All Amen

For hospital staff and medical researchers

Gracious God,
give skill, sympathy and resilience
to all who are caring for the sick,
and your wisdom to those searching for a cure.
Strengthen them with your Spirit,
that through their work many will be restored to health;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen

On the 75th anniversary of VE Day let us pray for those who served and died in World War II

O God of truth and justice,
we hold before you those men and women
who have died in active service,
particularly in the Second World War,
whose sacrifice brought Victory in Europe.
As we honour their courage and cherish their memory,
may we put our faith in your future;
for you are the source of life and hope,
now and for ever.

All Amen

God our Creator and Redeemer

We join you in standing alongside all those who are suffering,
whether in body, mind or spirit.

(silence for you to name anyone who comes to mind)

We long for them to receive your healing and comfort,
your strength for perseverance,
and your light to dispel their darkness.

May your living Spirit envelope and sustain them.

All Amen

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name,
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven,
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us,
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom,
And the power, and the glory,
For ever and ever,
Amen**

The Blessing