

# The Order of Service for Home Worship

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY after TRINITY



Hymn: I heard the voice of Jesus say.

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Come unto me and rest;  
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down  
Thy head upon my breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
so weary, worn and sad;  
I found in him a resting place,  
and he has made me glad.
2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Behold I freely give  
The living water, thirsty one;  
Stoop down and drink and live."  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
Of that life-giving stream;  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
And now I live in him.
3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"I am this dark world's light;  
Look unto me, thy morn shall rise,  
And all the day be bright."  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
In him my star, my sun;  
And in that light of life I'll walk  
Till travelling days are done.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**  
Grace and peace be with you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Father of glory, holy and eternal, look upon us now in power and mercy. May your strength overcome our weakness, your radiance transform our blindness, and your Spirit draw us to that love shown and offered to us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

As we come into the presence of our heavenly Father let us seek his forgiveness of our sins that we may know his peace is our hearts.

Lord Jesus, you have shown us the way to the Father. **Lord, have mercy.**  
Lord Jesus, you have given us knowledge of your truth. **Christ, have mercy.**  
Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd leading us to life. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, glory be to God on high;  
Alleluia, to the Saviour who has gained the victory;  
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity;  
Alleluia, Alleluia, to the Triune Majesty.**

**Collect of the Day:** Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**A reading from the book of Wisdom**

1. 13-15; 2. 23-24

God did not make death, and he does not delight in the death of the living. For he created all things so that they might exist; the generative forces of the world are wholesome, and there is no destructive poison in them, and the dominion of Hades is not on earth. For righteousness is immortal. For God created us for in corruption, and made us in the image of his own eternity, but through the devil's envy death entered the world, and those who belong to his company experience it.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 30. Response: O Lord my God I will give thanks to you forever**

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up.  
And did not let my foes rejoice over me;  
O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.  
O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol  
restored me to life from among these gone down to the pit. **(R)**

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones,  
and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment; his favour is for a lifetime.

Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning. (R)

As for me, I said in my prosperity; 'I shall never be moved.'

By your favour, O Lord, you had established me as a strong mountain;

you hid your face: I was dismayed, (R)

To you, O Lord, I cried, and to the Lord I made supplication;

What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit?

Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?

Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper! (R)

You have turned my mourning into dancing;

you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.

O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever. (R)

#### **A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians**

8. 7-15

Now as you excel in everything - in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you - so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something - now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has - not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written, 'The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

#### **The Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Speak to us, O Lord, bring your Word to life within us.

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

#### **Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Mark**

5. 21-43

#### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered round him; and he was by the lake. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came

and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, 'My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.' So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, 'If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.' Immediately her haemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' And his disciples said to him, 'You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, "Who touched me?" ' He looked all round to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.' While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, 'Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?' But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, 'Do not fear, only believe.' He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, 'Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, 'Talitha cum', which means, 'Little girl, get up!' And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

#### **Meditation:**

In our Gospel reading today Mark paints a very moving picture for us of two encounters of Jesus as he continued his travels. Firstly Jesus encounters Jairus, a leader of the local synagogue who comes to Jesus and pleads with him to help his daughter who is critically ill. As Jesus goes with Jairus an unnamed woman in the crowd reached out and touched the hem of Jesus' cloak. She had been suffering haemorrhages for twelve years and immediately she touched Jesus she found herself healed. Although the crowd was pressing around him Jesus sensed the presence of the woman. He sought her out and comforted her with the words, "your faith has made you well. Go in peace." Reaching Jairus' house Jesus was told that the daughter had died but Jesus going into the house took her tenderly by the hand and said, "little girl, get up!" Jairus' daughter rose and was restored to health. What both of these encounters have in common is that we see Jesus responding with love and compassion to those who came to him in faith. Both Jairus and the unnamed woman had heard about this

mysterious healer travelling through the land. They came to Jesus with complete faith that he would be able to help them. Jairus, the official, came and sought Jesus help, the insignificant unnamed woman dare not speak to him but believed that if she could just touch his cloak she would be healed. In responding to Jairus and the woman Jesus is teaching us that he will turn his back on no-one who comes to him in faith, however important or insignificant, however worthy or unworthy we think ourselves to be. Jesus hears the prayers of all who turn to him in faith and responds with love and compassions bringing his healing love and with it the hope and peace which only he can give to those who are in need. That is his mission, the mission he gave to the Church and the mission that he gives to each of us as his disciples. We are to continue his healing work, bringing his love and compassion to those in need around us through our own words and deeds. All of us are called to represent God by showing Christ-like actions to our neighbours. For Christ's mission is our mission. No-one is excused from caring for our neighbours in need, we are not to pass by on the other side of the road, but to bring hope and a sense of peace to those in need through words and deeds of love and compassion. We are called to stop, listen and respond to those in need around us with the same love and compassion that Jesus showed to Jairus and the unnamed woman and the same love and compassion that he unfailing shows to us and to all who turn to him in faith.

**Amen**

#### **Intercessions:**

In the power of the Holy Spirit and in union with Christ let us bring our prayers for the Church and for the world to our heavenly Father.

We pray for the Church throughout the world, for the leaders of the Church among them Mary our Bishop. We pray for the clergy and people of our diocese and for our own ministry area; May the Church be faithful to its calling of bringing the Good News of Christ to all the world bringing comfort and hope to all who are overburdened.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the people of the world, for the victims of violence and oppression among them the people of the Ukraine, Israel and Gaza, for all suffering the effects of natural disaster and for those suffering from famine or drought; May the leaders of the nations be led by the Spirit to bring peace and hope where there is conflict and despair.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our own community, for our families, friends and neighbours. We give thanks for all who serve the needs of the vulnerable; may we bring to others the love of God and so lighten the burdens of all among whom we live.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are in need, for those who are sick, for those who are bereaved, for the lonely and isolated and for all in any kind of need. We hold in our hearts before God those known to us who are in need at this time and all whose names are recorded in our intercession books; relieve them according to their need, strengthen them with your Holy Spirit and console them with the love of Christ.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have died. We remember before God our own departed loved ones and we pray for the recently departed and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time; welcome them and all the departed into the eternal joy and peace of your heavenly kingdom.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We bring all our prayers to our heavenly Father as we pray together:

**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,  
The power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

#### **The Peace:**

Blessed are those who make peace; they shall be called God's children. The peace of the Lord be with you and with all those whom you love.

**And also with you.**

#### **Let us pray:**

**God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water; refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### **The Blessing:**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**Hymn: Immortal Invisible God Only Wise**

1. **Immortal Invisible God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**
  
2. **Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**
  
3. **To all life thou givest, to both great and small;  
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on a tree,  
And whither and perish; but naught changeth thee.**
  
4. **Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
All laud we would render, O help us to see  
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.**