

Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

In the name of the (+) Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen**

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

*We sing our opening hymn - Immortal Invisible*

*The Service is introduced*

*We make our confession to God.*  
Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.  
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and  
confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart

*Silence is kept*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in  
thought and word and deed, through negligence, through  
weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly  
sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son  
Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and  
grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of  
your name. Amen.**

**We hear sung**

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy,  
Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy,  
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.

*We are reminded of God's forgiveness.*  
Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy  
upon you, (+) pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm  
and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We say the Gloria together

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
**Amen.****

#### THE COLLECT

Let us pray:

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**

*Please be seated.*

*THE FIRST READING; Acts 8:26-end*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, ‘Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.’ (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, ‘Go over to this chariot and join it.’ So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, ‘Do you understand what you are reading?’ He replied, ‘How can I, unless someone guides me?’ And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: ‘Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.’ The eunuch asked Philip, ‘About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?’ Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, ‘Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?’ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea

This the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## THE SECOND READING (1 John 4: 7-end )

A reading from the letter to the first letter of John

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

We listen to the Hymn it is a thing so wonderful as we prepare to hear the Gospel -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xMgXB3NGC2A>

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

**John 15:1-8**

”I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

As we reflect on what we have heard we listen to *we listen to*  
*Draw nigh* - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sj1ECdrFjSA>

**Intercessions**

Holy God, in whom we abide,  
we pray for the Church, your broken body in the world,  
Help us to be a community which is generous and helpful  
and responds to the needs of those around us.  
Guide us in nurturing one another and shining your grace in  
the world.

*Silence is kept.*

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

Holy God,

The great vinegrower,

help us to bear much fruit as we care for the world

bringing glory to your creation.

We pray for all places torn apart by war, disaster, and pandemic; and for all who are working for justice, mercy and peace.

*Silence is kept.*

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

Jesus, who gathers us in

and helps us to grow.

Strengthen us and

and lead us all in building communities of justice and grace,

We pray for the communities in which we live,

for the changes and new ways of being;

that we may always see you in each other.

*Silence is kept.*

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

As we seek to be your disciples, Holy God;

help us to care for one another,

We pray for our sisters and brothers in need, distress, or sorrow.

We pray for all who mourn; and all who are lost or uncertain.

We pray for all who long for your healing including Jean,

David, Piers, Isobel, Peter, Pearl, Yvonne, Rute, Ron,

Josephine, John, Cecilia and Ruth....

*Silence is kept.*

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

Creator, you abide in us in life and death  
we pray for all who have left their mark on our lives but we see  
no more; and those whose anniversaries fall at this time  
including Ted Wilson, Bill Clements and Alice Goode

Rest Eternal, Grant unto them O Lord

**And may light perpetual shine upon them.**

May they rest in peace

**And rise in Glory**

In the stillness of this moment, we lift to you our other  
concerns and prayers...

Eternal God,

whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:  
grant us to walk in his way,

to rejoice in his truth,

and to share his risen life; as we follow his example and 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.**

We listen to the hymn..Alleluia Alleluia as we leave

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ezuuH7fKYo&t=11s>

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

May Christ who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future, fill you with his new life and the blessing of God Almighty, the (+) Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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