

Service of the Word for Podcast & Zoom from Easter 2021 (Series 5)

Welcome

Grace and peace to you from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

**We are gathered together as the family of God
to offer praise and thanksgiving
to ask forgiveness of our sins;
to hear and receive God's holy Word
to pray for the needs of the world
and to seek God's grace
that through Jesus Christ our Lord
and in the power of the Holy Spirit
we may give ourselves to God's service.**

Penitence and Forgiveness

Return to the Lord, who will have mercy:
to our God, who will richly pardon. *(Isaiah 55.7)*

A time of silence is kept,

Penitential Psalm

**I confess my iniquity:
and am sorry for my sin.**

**In you, O Lord, have I fixed my hope:
You will answer me, O Lord my God.**

**O Lord, do not forsake me:
be not far from me, O my God.**

**Make haste to help me:
O Lord of my salvation. (From Psalm 38)**

May the Lord forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are
and direct what we shall be,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Praise

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Rejoice, then, even in your distress.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

He called us from our darkness into the light of this day.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Collect of the Day

First Reading

Gospel

Reflection

Affirmation of Faith

Let this mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus:*

the divine nature was his from the first:

Yet he did not grasp at equality with God;*

he emptied himself and became like a slave.

Taking the nature of man

he was revealed in human form;*

he humbled himself and became obedient

even to death, death on a cross.

Therefore God has raised him on high,*

and has given him a name above every other name;

So that in the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,*

in heaven, on earth, and in the depths;

And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord;*

to the glory of God the Father. (from *Philippians 2*)

Intercessions

Blessing

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

Responsory

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

I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord.
This is the day that the Lord has made.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
This is the day that the Lord has made; *
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Prayer

**Almighty God,
we thank you for the gift of your holy word:
may it be a lantern to our feet,
a light upon our paths,
and a strength to our lives.**

**Take us and use us to love and serve all people
in the power of the Holy Spirit
and in the name of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing

God the Father, by whose glory Christ
was raised from the dead,
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life,
the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
be with us and all those for whom we have a care;
this day and evermore.

Amen