

Easter 5, 14/5/17, All Age

- Jesus speaks to his disciples who are worried by the prospect of his absence.
- He assures them that he will be with them in a new way.
- He tells them that his leaving will open up his relationship with his heavenly Father to them.

Welcome and introduction

Together, O God, we seek the 'Jesus way'.

May your truth fill us with wisdom to see your presence in all that we do.

And may we receive new life, that we may serve you
in all that we are. **Amen.**

Hymn When the music fades

When the music fades
All is stripped away
And I simply come
Longing just to bring
Something that's of worth
That will bless Your heart

Bridge:

I'll bring You more than a song, for a song in itself
Is not what You have required
You search much deeper within through the way things appear
You're looking into my heart

Chorus:

I'm coming back to the heart of worship
And it's all about You, all about You, Jesus
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it
When it's all about You, all about You, Jesus

2. King of endless worth
No one could express how much You deserve
Though I'm weak and poor
All I have is Yours, ev'ry single breath

(Repeat bridge)

(Repeat chorus)

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and holy God,
as we look to Jesus,
the way, the truth and the life,
we acknowledge that we have so frequently failed to live like him.

Daily we learn of your way,
but choose our own way instead.

Daily we learn of your truth,
but think we know everything.

Daily we learn of your life,
but carry on as if this life were all there is.

**Jesus, teach me your way,
that I might choose to follow you each day.**

**Jesus, teach me your truth,
that I might learn more about you each day.**

**Jesus, teach me more about your life,
that I might live the life you give to me, more fully each day.**

Jesus, help us to follow your example,
and so show others the face of God in Jesus Christ.
Amen.

The Absolution

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

The Collect, *the special prayer for today*

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.
Amen.

The Reading John 14: 1-14

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'

Address

Hymn **By your side, I would stay**

By	Your	side,	I	would	stay
In	Your	arms,	I	would	lay
Jesus,	lover		of	my	soul
Nothing from You I withhold					

Lord I love You and adore You
What more can I say?
You cause my love to grow stronger
With every passing day

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In Your arms, I would lay
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Bless the Gifts

Lord Jesus, you gave everything for us.
as we offer you our gifts, we offer you all that we have, and are, and will be,
praying that our church, and our mission,
may reach out so that others may come to share in your risen life.

Amen.

Prayers

Lord Jesus, we pray for those who are troubled today,
those worried about money, those who are out of work,
those who are worried about the health of loved ones,
those who don't feel safe.

May they find in you a way forward.

We pray for those whose journey of life is testing,
those who live in places of violence,
those who are a long way from family,
those whose health is fragile.

May they find in you a place to rest.

We pray for those who feel unwanted,
those who have left their countries,
those who live on city streets, those who are neglected.

May they find in you a welcome.

Lord Jesus, we pray for all places of need,
and all people in trouble.
As we make room for them in our prayers,
may we make room for them in our lives.

Amen.

*We sing the **Lord's Prayer***

Blessing

May God bless you, guide you and direct you.

May God bless you, give you strength and the assurance of his love.

May God bless you and fill your life with his presence –
today and always.

Amen.

The Peace

Jesus came and stood among the disciples,
saying, 'Peace be with you'.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you

All **and also with you**

Hymn For I'm building a people of power

For I'm building a people of power
And I'm making a people of praise
That will move through this land by My Spirit
And will glorify My precious name

Build Your church, Lord
Make us strong, Lord
Join our hearts, Lord, through Your Son
Make us one, Lord
In Your Body
In the kingdom of Your Son