

Easter 7, 24.05.2020, All Age

Acts 1: 6-14

Jesus says goodbye to his disciples and returns to heaven

## **Welcome and introduction**

On Good Friday,

Jesus died on the cross.

On Easter Sunday,

Jesus came back to life.

At the ascension,

Jesus went to heaven.

Now we wait for Pentecost;

Father, send the Holy Spirit

to fill our lives

and to be with us always.

**Amen.**

## **Hymn Lord, I lift your name on high**

Lord, I lift Your name on high  
Lord, I love to sing Your praises  
I'm so glad You're in my life  
I'm so glad You came to save us

You came from Heaven to earth to show the way  
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay  
From the cross to the grave  
From the grave to the sky  
Lord, I lift Your name on high

## Prayer of Confession

When our actions are not loving,  
and we think of just ourselves –  
your name is not glorified.

**Forgive us, God of Glory.**

When our words bring hurt to others  
and we do not even notice –  
your name is not glorified.

**Forgive us, God of Glory.**

When the way we live is selfish  
and we find no time for you –  
your name is not glorified.

**Forgive us, God of Glory.**

When we do not see you or reveal your love –  
your name is not glorified.

**Forgive us, God of Glory.**

Forgive and renew us,  
and let your glory be seen in our lives.

**Amen.**

## **The Absolution**

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

## **The Collect**, *the special prayer for today*

Risen, ascended Lord,  
as we rejoice at your triumph,  
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,  
that all who are estranged by sin  
may find forgiveness and know your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**Amen.**

## **The Reading** Acts 1: 6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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## **Hymn** Beauty for brokenness

Beauty for brokenness  
Hope for despair  
Lord, in your suffering  
This is our prayer  
Bread for the children  
Justice, joy, peace  
Sunrise to sunset  
Your kingdom increase!

Shelter for fragile lives  
Cures for their ills  
Work for the craftsman  
Trade for their skills  
Land for the dispossessed  
Rights for the weak  
Voices to plead the cause  
Of those who can't speak

*God of the poor  
Friend of the weak  
Give us compassion we pray  
Melt our cold hearts*

*Let tears fall like rain  
Come, change our love  
From a spark to a flame*

Refuge from cruel wars  
Havens from fear  
Cities for sanctuary  
Freedoms to share  
Peace to the killing-fields  
Scorched earth to green

Christ for the bitterness  
His cross for the pain

Rest for the ravaged earth  
Oceans and streams  
Plundered and poisoned  
Our future, our dreams  
Lord, end our madness  
Carelessness, greed  
Make us content with  
The things that we need

Lighten our darkness  
Breathe on this flame  
Until your justice  
Burns brightly again  
Until the nations  
Learn of your ways  
Seek your salvation  
And bring you their praise

### **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**

We bring before God our concerns for our world:  
where there is war we pray for peace;  
where there is sickness we pray for health;  
where there is despair we pray for hope.

Cast all your anxiety on him,  
**because he cares for you.**

We pray that you would be active in health care:  
in the work of doctors and dentists, psychiatrists and psychologists, nurses and  
administrators, pharmacists and researchers.

Cast all your anxiety on him,  
**because he cares for you.**

Guide our activity in the church:  
may we find ways to grow;  
may we always honour you;  
may we serve our communities.

Cast all your anxiety on him,  
**because he cares for you.**

We hold in your love those whom we love:  
those who are sick;  
those who are sorrowful;  
those who need guidance and direction.

Cast all your anxiety on him,  
**because he cares for you.**

Come to us, God of glory.  
Hear us, heal us and shine through our lives.

Cast all your anxiety on him,  
**because he cares for you.**  
**Amen.**

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

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

## **Blessing**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have called us to love God  
and love our neighbours as ourselves.  
Give us the Holy Spirit  
to help us follow your commandments  
and to live in peace, hope and love.

**Amen.**

and the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit  
be amongst you and remain with you, now and forever. **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      We want to see Jesus lifted high**

We want to see Jesus lifted high  
A banner that flies across this land  
That all men might see the truth and know  
He is the way to Heaven

We want to see we want to see  
We want to see Jesus lifted high  
We want to see we want to see  
We want to see Jesus lifted high

Step by step we're moving forward  
Little by little we're taking ground  
Every prayer is a powerful weapon  
Strongholds come tumbling down  
And down and down and down