

Easter 6, 17.05.2020, All Age

John 14.15-21

Jesus promises his disciples that God will send the Spirit of truth, who will be with them for ever. He reminds them that those who love him are those who keep his commandments. These are the ones to whom he will reveal himself.

Welcome and introduction

Spirit of truth, come close to us.

Unite us into the body of Christ.

Enable us to worship God in Spirit and in truth.

Help us to support and encourage each other.

Help us to love as we are loved.

Spirit of truth, come and abide in us.

Amen.

Hymn Come down O love divine

Come down, O love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,
and kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;
True lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
nor can we guess its grace, till we become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

Prayer of Confession

God of love, we are sorry
that at times our love for you falters;
that we have wrong priorities;
that we overlook your guidance.

○ God, forgive us.
○ **God, renew us.**

Loving Saviour, we are sorry
that we disobey your commandments;
that we fail to love;
that we walk by on the other side.

○ God, forgive us.
○ **God, renew us.**

Spirit of truth, we are sorry
that we disregard your presence;
that our thoughts and feelings are unrighteous;
that we follow the world's way.

○ God, forgive us.
○ **God, renew us.**

May your presence abiding in us lead us in the right way,
in the name of Jesus.

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*

Risen Christ,
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

The Reading John 14: 15-21

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

Address

Hymn **Brother, sister, let me serve you**

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
fellow travellers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ light for you
in the night time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

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

Dear Lord, we bring into your love
those who do not know you and your love;
those who have turned away from you;
those who struggle to accept you;
those who refuse to listen.
May your love touch them,
and transform their lives.

Dear Lord, we bring into your love
those who need parental love;
those who are alone;
those who are abused;
those who are neglected.
May your love touch them,
and transform their lives.

Dear Lord, we bring into your love
those who seek the truth;
those who work in the justice system;
those who campaign and advocate on behalf of the voiceless.
May your love touch them,
and transform their lives.

May we show the power and presence of your love in our church,
our community and our world – for Jesus' sake.

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 Lord, the light of your love is shining

Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me

*Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word
Lord, and let there be light*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance
By the blood I may enter your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story
Shine on me, shine on me





