



**Welcome to  
a Service of the Word  
4<sup>th</sup> May, 11<sup>th</sup> May, 18<sup>th</sup> May,  
25<sup>th</sup> May & 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025  
Third – Seventh Sunday of  
Easter**

### **The Greeting**

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

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

### **Hymn**

### **Prayers of penitence**

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.*

Have mercy on us, O God,  
in your great goodness;  
according to the abundance of your compassion  
blot out our offences.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Like Mary at the empty tomb,  
we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Like the disciples behind locked doors,  
we are afraid to be seen as your followers.  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Like Thomas in the upper room,  
we are slow to believe.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

### **Absolution**

May the God of love and power  
forgive *you* and free *you* from *your* sins,  
heal and strengthen *you* by his Spirit,  
and raise *you* to new life in Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **First Reading**

**4<sup>th</sup> May** - [Acts 9.1–6 \[7–20\]](#)  
**11<sup>th</sup> May** - [Acts 9.36 - 43](#)  
**18<sup>th</sup> May** - [Acts 11.1 - 18](#)  
**25<sup>th</sup> May** - [Acts 16. 9 - 15](#)  
**1<sup>st</sup> June** - [Acts 16. 16 - 34](#)

*At the end:*

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Hymn**

**Gospel Reading**

**4<sup>th</sup> May** – [John 21.1–19](#)

**11<sup>th</sup> May** – [John 10. 22 - 30](#)

**18<sup>th</sup> May** – [John 13. 31 - 35](#)

**25<sup>th</sup> May** – [John 14. 23 - 29](#)

**1<sup>st</sup> June** – [John 17. 20 - 26](#)

*At the end:*

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Sermon**

**Hymn**

**Profession of faith**

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ,  
his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

*This response may be used:*

Lord in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer**

*At the end:*

Merciful Father,  
**Accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son our Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
Amen**

## The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation, as our Saviour taught us, so we 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.**

## The Collect

Let us pray that we may reign with the risen Christ in glory.

*Silence is kept.*

*The Collect is said and the people respond:*

**Amen.**

## Hymn

## Notices

## The Blessing

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

God the Father,  
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,  
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

### Hymn

### The Dismissal

We are raised to new life with Christ.  
Go in his peace. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

### Exit Music

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