



Benefice Pilgrimage 2024



The Lord is with us



Welcome
to worship



EASTER 5

*“... this is to my Father’s glory,
that you bear much fruit...”*





Please join in
with the
words in yellow

Alleluia, Christ is risen

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*Praise the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ:*

**He has given us new life & hope
by raising Jesus from the dead.**

God has claimed us as His own:

He has made us light to the world

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!



1. In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought
and storm.

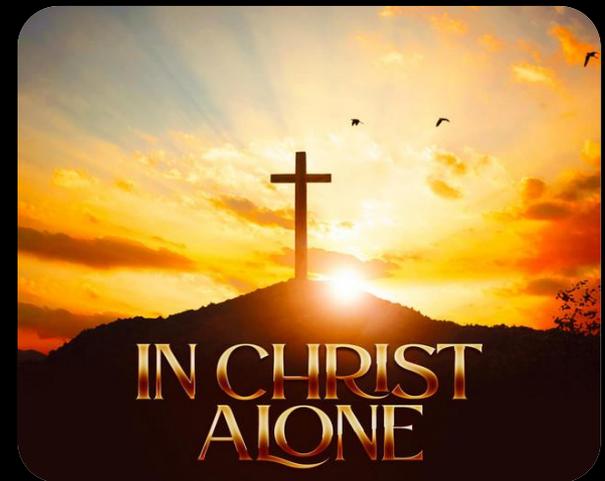


SB10

What heights of love,
what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled,
when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.



2. In Christ alone!
who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones
He came to save:



Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The love of God was magnified –
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.



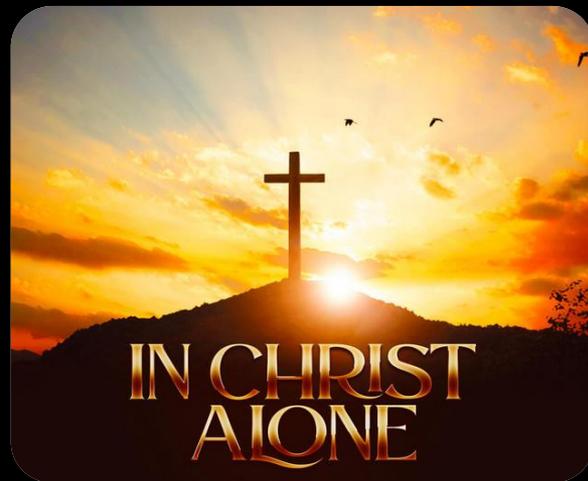
3. There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again!



And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine –
Bought with the precious
blood of Christ.



4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.



No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!



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Let us pray:

Come, Holy Spirit,
Fill the hearts of your faithful
people, and kindle in us the
fire of your love; through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.



We kneel or sit to pray together:

Lord our God,
in our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us;
deliver us from judgement;
bind up our wounds and revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.





Glory and gratitude and praise,
Now from earth to heaven raise.
Glory and gratitude and praise,
these we offer to God.

1st time UNISON

2nd time – Harmony

Altos down one 3rd

MEN — Could start on note
we finished on!



We pray the prayer for today together:

Risen Christ,

**your wounds declare your love
for the world and the wonder of
your risen life:**

**give us compassion & courage to
risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Amen

A reading from Acts 8: 26-40



At the end of the reading

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

**The Church is wherever
God's people are praising,
knowing they're wanted
and loved by their Lord.
The Church is wherever
Christ's followers are trying
to live and to share out
the good news of God.**



SB68

2. The Church is wherever
God's people are loving,
where all are forgiven
and start once again,
where all are accepted,
whatever their background,
whatever their past
and whatever their pain.



3. The Church is wherever God's people are seeking to reach out and touch folk wherever they are -- conveying the Gospel, its joy and its comfort, to challenge, refresh, and excite and inspire.



4. The Church is wherever
God's people are praising,
knowing we're wanted
and loved by our Lord.
The Church is where we
as Christ's followers are trying
to live and to share out
the good news of God.



We remain standing for the Gospel Reading:

John 15: 1-8



*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John:*

Glory to You, O Lord



I am the
True
vine

At the end of the reading

This is the Gospel of the Lord:

Praise to You, O Christ

Let us affirm our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Christ died for our sins

in accordance with the scriptures;

He was buried;

He was raised to life on the third day

in accordance with the scriptures;

afterwards he appeared to his

followers, and to all the apostles;

this we have received

and this we believe. Amen

Lord in your mercy:
Hear our prayer



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

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you

and also with you.



PEACE

During this hymn a collection is taken
for the work of the church



1. Come to God's table
for all is prepared,
The bread we have offered
is broken and shared,
Christ's presence among us
is food for the soul,
Reviving, renewing,
and making us whole.

SB49

2. Come to God's table
and drink of the wine
The blood of the Saviour,
both real and a sign
The cup of salvation both
priceless & free
Transforming God's people
into all we can be.



3. Come to God's table
we come as we are
We bring all the burdens
we've carried so far,
In body, in spirit,
in soul, mind and heart
To feed on the grace
which God alone can impart.



4. Come to God's table,
then go in that grace
to hold all the earth in
a heav'nly embrace.
Sent out in the Spirit
to tend and to care
in thought, word and action -
our life is our prayer.

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The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here

His Spirit is with us

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.



It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; In your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.

You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.



In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.



On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

Father, we do this in remembrance of him; his body is the bread of life.



At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said; Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

Father, we do this in remembrance of him; his blood is shed for all.



As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ,
our risen Lord.**



...and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven, singing together:

SB1

Holy, holy, holy Lord

God of power and might

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest [x3]

Holy, holy Lord.

Blessed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. [x2]

Hosanna in the highest [x3]

Holy, holy Lord.



We sit or kneel to 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.**



Breaking the Bread

*Alleluia, Christ our Passover
is sacrificed for us.*

**Therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia!**



Please come forward
as directed to receive Communion or a blessing

I am the
True
vine

“ ... REMAIN IN ME ... BEAR MUCH FRUIT ... ”

We pray together

Lord,

we have broken your bread
and received your life.

By the power of your Spirit
keep us always in your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Our APCM is after the service today – there'll be coffee first!

Do stay on for ½ hour as we recall the good things God has been doing during the last year!

1. We have a gospel to proclaim,
good news for all
throughout the earth;
the gospel of a Saviour's name:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.



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2. Tell of his birth at Bethlehem,
not in a royal house or hall,
but in a stable dark and dim,
the Word made flesh, a light for all.



3. Tell of his death at Calvary,
hated by those he came to save;
in lonely suff'ring on the cross:
for all he loved, his life he gave.



4. Tell of that glorious Easter morn,
empty the tomb, for he was free;
he broke the pow'r of death and hell
that we might share his victory.



5. Tell of his reign at God's right hand,
by all creation glorified.

He sends his Spirit on his Church
to live for him, the Lamb who died.



6. Now we rejoice to name him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel-message we proclaim:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.



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

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, Alleluia!





Thank you for
joining us today.

Please stay for
coffee!



Hope to see
you next week @11am

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Generous God:

**Pour out
your love**



Merciful Father,

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