



Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

## INFORMAL SERVICE

### WELCOME *Denver Keegan*

Death is swallowed up in victory  
**Where, O death, is your sting?**

Christ is risen from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

**Death is swallowed up in victory.**

The trumpet will sound and the dead shall be raised.  
**Where, O death, is your sting?**

We shall not all sleep, but we shall be changed.

**Death is swallowed up in victory.**

**Where, O death, is your sting?**

### SONG *(twice)*

I lift my hands to the coming King,  
to the great I Am, to you I sing,  
for You're the One who reigns within my heart.

I lift my hands to the coming King,  
to the great I Am, to you I sing,  
for You're the One who reigns within my heart.

And I will serve no foreign god or any other treasure.  
You are my heart's desire, Spirit without measure.  
Unto Your name I will bring my sacrifice.

*Andre Kempen*

### CONFESSION

Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God. Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**Almighty God, long-suffering and of great goodness, we confess to you, we confess with our whole hearts, our neglect and forgetfulness of your commandments, our wrong doing, thinking, and speaking: the hurts we have done to others, and the good we have left undone. O God, forgive us, for we have sinned against you; and raise us to newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the Father forgive us by the death of his Son and strengthen us to live in the power of the Spirit all our days. **Amen.**

### COLLECT *(5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter)*

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, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### Psalm 148:1-6

<sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights above.

<sup>2</sup> **Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts.**

<sup>3</sup> Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.

<sup>4</sup> **Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.**

<sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name of the Lord, for at his command they were created,

<sup>6</sup> **and he established them for ever and ever— he issued a decree that will never pass away.**

### SONG

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy One, is here.  
Come bow before him now with reverence and fear.  
In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;  
He burns with holy fire, with splendour He is crowned.  
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place,  
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace.  
No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him;  
be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

*David J Evans*

### BIBLE READING – Acts 19:23-41

*Pew Bible NT page 136*

This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

## APOSTLES' CREED

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.**

## SONG

O Church, arise, and put your armour on;  
hear the call of Christ our Captain.  
For now the weak can say that they are strong  
in the strength that God has given.  
With shield of faith and belt of truth,  
we'll stand against the devil's lies;  
an army bold, whose battle-cry is Love,  
reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul  
but to rage against the captor;  
and with the sword that makes the wounded whole,  
we will fight with faith and valour.  
When faced with trials on every side  
we know the outcome is secure,  
and Christ will have the prize for which He died,  
an inheritance of nations.

Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet,  
as the Son of God is stricken;  
then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,  
for the Conqueror has risen!  
And as the stone is rolled away,  
and Christ emerges from the grave,  
this victory march continues till the day  
every eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit, come put strength in every stride,  
give grace for every hurdle,  
that we may run with faith to win the prize  
of a servant good and faithful.  
As saints of old still line the way,  
retelling triumphs of His grace,  
we hear their calls and hunger for the day  
when with Christ we stand in glory.

*Stuart Townend & Keith Getty*

## NOTICES

### PRAYERS *Using the responses*

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer**

*The Lord's Prayer:*

**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.**

### SONG *during which a collection will be taken*

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,  
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,  
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:  
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,  
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,  
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:  
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

Lord, for our land, in this our generation,  
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;  
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,  
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world when we disown and doubt you,  
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,  
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without you:  
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us -  
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,  
past put behind us, for the future take us:  
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

*Timothy Dudley-Smith*

## BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead  
our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep,  
make you perfect in every good work to do his will;  
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the  
Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain  
with you always. **Amen.**

With the power that raised Jesus from the dead at work  
within you, go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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