

Eucharist for Sixth Sunday of Easter (Christian Aid Week)



**The Parishes of
St Paul's Clifton and Cotham**

The Gathering

Introit: A new commandment - Goodlad

In the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Words of introduction and invitation

Penitence

Lord God, our maker and our redeemer,
this is your world and we are your people:
come among us and save us.

Pause for silent reflection

We have wilfully misused and neglected to care for
your gift of creation;
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy

We have seen the ill-treatment of others
and have not gone to their aid;
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy

We have condoned evil and dishonesty
and failed to strive for justice;
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy

May the God of love and mercy bring us back to himself,
forgive us our sins,
and embrace us in his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

The Collect

Let us pray.
God of abiding love,
you choose us as your servants
and dare to call us friends:
take our fragmented hearts,
commanding them to love,
making whole our joy,
our life reborn in you;
through Jesus Christ, who laid down his life for us.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

New Testament Reading: Acts 10.44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the

Holy Spirit just as we have?’ So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn: Come down O love divine (114)

1 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.

2 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.

3 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.

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

Bianco da Siena

Gospel Reading: John 15.9-17

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise be to you, O Christ.

Reflection: Pippa White

Profession of Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

I believe and trust in God.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

I believe and trust in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

I believe and trust in the Holy Spirit.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith:

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

The Intercessions

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
If you love me, rejoice because I am going to the Father'.

Alleluia! The peace of the risen Christ
be always with you
and also with you. Alleluia!

Let us offer one another a sign of God's peace

Offertory Hymn: I the Lord of Sea & Sky (332)

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my words to them.
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord.

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will send the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord.

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Preparation of the table

Be present, be present,
Lord Jesus Christ,
our risen high priest;
make yourself known in the breaking of bread. **Amen**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here

God's 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.

We praise you, God of freedom,
for you breathed life into the void
and showed yourself
as the one who loves in freedom.
From the nothingness of slavery
you called a people into being
and led them to springs of life;
the presence of your glory
went with shattered exiles
into strange and distant lands
and gathered from the valley of despair
the flesh and blood of living hope.

In Jesus, you confronted
the powers that killed and oppressed
you spoke to those considered dead
and helped them stand again;
he taught us to die
that we might live.
He gave himself for us
tortured and forsaken,
but he could not be confined by death;
in the garden he speaks our name,
in the breaking of the bread
he shows himself among us;
by the lakeside, in the new day,
he calls us to take up his work.
Therefore, with all who lost faith,
all who walked away in sadness,
with the women at the tomb,
and the men who hid in fear
we confess ourselves surprised
by the suddenness of dawn
and join the undying song of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord God, you are the most holy one,
enthroned in splendour and light,
yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ
you reveal the power of your love
made perfect in our human weakness.

Embracing our humanity,
Jesus showed us the way of salvation;
loving us to the end,
he gave himself to death for us;
dying for his own,
he set us free from the bonds of sin,
that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

On the night he gave up himself for us all
he took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross,
we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb,
we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high
and we long for his coming in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption,
Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation
be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
form us into the likeness of Christ
and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

Look with favour on your people
and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.

Bless the earth,

heal the sick,

let the oppressed go free

and fill your Church with power from on high.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth
to feast with all your saints
at the table in your kingdom,
where the new creation is brought to perfection
in Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

In the power of the Spirit, let us pray to the Father,
in the words of the Son

**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 forever. Amen.**

Jesus says, I am the bread of life,
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

**Lord, our hearts hunger for you;
give us this bread always.**

Agnus Dei

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

Come, when you are fearful, to be made new in love.
Come, when you are doubtful, to be made strong in faith.
Come, when you are regretful, and be made whole.
Come, there is room for all.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Communion chant: Confitemini Domino (925)

Confitemini Domino



Con-fi-te-mi-ni Do-mi-no, quo-ni-am bo-nus.

Con-fi-te-mi-ni Do-mi-no, al-le-lu-ia.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever

Blessing and Dismissal

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 ...

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!
In the name of Christ, Alleluia, alleluia!

Hymn: Praise my soul (565)

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven!
To his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King!

2 Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same as ever,
slow to chide and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness!

3 Father-like, he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows!

4 Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace!

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