

Douglas Union with Frankfield

5th Sunday of Easter

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A SHORT SERVICE TO BE USED AT HOME

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*(Where two or more people are gathered for worship the sentences in **bold type** are read by all)*

MORNING PRAYER

The Gathering of God's People

Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia! *Luke 24: 34*

Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

Heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault;
by what we have done
and by what we have failed to do.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.

As no priest is present the following prayer may be said:

Merciful Lord,
grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,
that we may be cleansed from all our sins,
and serve you with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth will proclaim your praise.

God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

THE EASTER ANTHEMS

1 Corinthians 5: 7,8 Romans 6: 9-11 1 Corinthians 15: 20-22

- 1 Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us,
therefore let us celebrate the feast,
- 2 Not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness,
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
- 3 Christ, once raised from the dead dies no more;
death has no more dominion over him.
- 4 In dying, he died to sin once for all;
in living, he lives to God.
- 5 See yourselves therefore as dead to sin;
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.
- 6 Christ has been raised from the dead:
the firstfruits of those who sleep.
- 7 For as by man came death,
by man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
- 8 For as in Adam all die,
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and shall be for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 7:55-60

⁵⁵ But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ “Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸ Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

PSALM 31: 1-5, 15-16

- 1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me;
make haste to deliver me.

- 3 Be my strong rock, a fortress to save me,
for you are my rock and my stronghold;
guide me, and lead me for your name's sake.
- 4 Take me out of the net
that they have laid secretly for me,
for you are my strength.
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.
- 15 'My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.
- 16 'Make your face to shine upon your servant,
and save me for your mercy's sake.'

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and shall be for ever. Amen.

SECOND READING

John 14:1-14

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

⁸Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

TE DEUM *Part 1*

- 1 We praise you, O God,
we acclaim you as the Lord;
all creation worships you,
the Father everlasting.
- 2 To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:
- 3 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
- 4 The glorious company of apostles praise you;
the noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
- 5 The white-robed army of martyrs praise you;
throughout the world, the holy Church acclaims you:
- 6 Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all praise,
the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

THE SERMON

To listen to the Sermon and Prayers – *See attached email video clip.*

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 again to judge the living and the dead.
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.**

The Prayers of the People

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The versicles and responses may be said.

Show us your mercy, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.

O Lord, guide and defend our rulers
and grant our government wisdom.

Let your ministers be clothed with righteousness
and let your servants shout for joy.

O Lord, save your people
and bless those whom you have chosen.

Give peace in our time, O Lord,
and let your glory be over all the earth.

O God, make clean our hearts within us
and renew us by your Holy Spirit.

THE COLLECTS

The Collect of the day

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him:
Grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

Heavenly Father,
in whom we live and move and have our being:
We humbly pray that your Holy Spirit may so guide and govern us
that in all the cares and occupations of our daily life,
we may never forget your presence
but may remember that we are always walking in your sight,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We pray for our community, for all those who work in our hospitals, nursing homes and all care centres. We pray also for all schools, the pupils and staff of St Luke's School in Douglas and St Michael's School in Blackrock and for Leaving Certificate students at this anxious time.

We pray also for those whose work has been taken away from them, and for whom financial worries weigh heavily, and for those who miss the social aspect of their normal working life.

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

We pray for all those who are sick, whether at home, or in hospital, and for those who have put off urgent medical care. We pray also for the families of people in hospitals or living in care homes, who are unable to visit their loved ones. We pray for those engaged in medical research as they try to find a vaccine and treatment for Covid-19.

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

Pilgrims – a prayer based on John Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress*.

Heavenly Father, you have taught us that our life on earth is a pilgrimage from this world to that which is to come.

Guide us on our journey; defend us from the perils of the way; and save us from going astray.

May ours be a pilgrim's progress; and as we press on our way may it be with a song of praise in our hearts; and by your grace may we endure faithfully till we reach the celestial City and receive your welcome home. **Amen.**

We have beheld your glory, O God in the face of Christ Jesus, your Son. Enliven our faith that through Christ we may put our trust in you. Deepen our faith that in Christ we may serve you. Complete our faith that one day we may live with you in that place which Christ prepares for us, where he lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Going Out as God's People

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore. **Amen.** *2 Corinthians 13: 14*