

**10.30am Morning Praise - We Gather to Worship God  
2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021**

**WELCOME**

Welcome in the name of Christ.

God's grace, mercy and peace be with you **and also with you.**

**Hymn 1100**    Open the Eyes of My Heart

**PENITENCE** (*Being sorry for the wrongs we have said and done*)

We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden, to ask for his forgiveness and peace.

**God of mercy, we acknowledge that we are all sinners.**

**We turn from the wrong that we have thought and said and done,  
and are mindful of all that we have failed to do.**

**For the sake of Jesus, who died for us, forgive us for all that is past,  
and help us to live each day in the light of Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

**We listen to God**

**READING: John 15:1-8**

**15** 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. **2** He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. **3** You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. **4** Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. **5** I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. **6** Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. **7** If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. **8** My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

**Hymn 1003**    Shout to the Lord (My Jesus My Saviour)

**TALK**

**Hymn 799**    Knowing you Jesus

**SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE** Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is  
named.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
Who strengthens us  
With power from on high,**

**We believe in God the Son,  
Who lives in our hearts  
through faith,  
And fills us with his love.**

**We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen. (Ephesians 3)**

### **We Pray to God**

**SPECIAL PRAYER FOR TODAY** *(The Fifth Sunday of Easter)*

Risen Christ,

your wounds declare your love for the world

and the wonder of your risen life:

give us compassion and courage

to risk ourselves for those we serve,

to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

### **PRAYING FOR OTHERS**

#### **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**

### **BLESSING & NOTICES**

**Hymn 1259** 10, 000 Reasons (Bless the Lord O My Soul)