

**St Leonards and St Peters**  
**Service of Holy Communion**  
**Sunday 2nd May, 11am**

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**Welcome**

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 and hope.**

**He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

God has claimed us as his own.

**He has brought us out of darkness.**

**He has made us light to the world.**

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**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**God of glory,**

**by the raising of your Son**

**you have broken the chains of death  
and hell:**

**fill your Church with faith and hope;**

**for a new day has dawned**

**and the way to life stands open**

**in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**FAIREST LORD JESUS,**

Lord of all creation,

Jesus, of God and man the Son;

you will I cherish,

you will I honour,

you are my soul's delight and crown.

Fair are the rivers,

meadows and forests,

clothed in the fresh green robes of  
spring;

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,

he makes the saddest heart to sing.

Fair is the sunrise,

starlight and moonlight,

spreading their glory across the sky;

Jesus shines brighter,

Jesus shines clearer,

than all the heavenly host on high.

All fairest beauty,

heavenly and earthly,

Jesus, my Lord, in you I see;

none can be nearer, fairer or dearer  
than you, my Saviour, are to me.

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Hymns

**Confession**

**Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have wandered and strayed from  
your ways like lost sheep. We have  
followed too much the devices and  
desires of our own hearts. We have  
offended against your holy laws.  
We have left undone those things  
that we ought to have done; and we  
have done those things that we**

ought not to have done; and there is no health in us.

**But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us sinners. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may live a disciplined, righteous and godly life, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

God our Father,  
We pray, renew the living spring of your life within us,  
that we may be free from sin and filled with your saving health;  
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Collect**

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification:  
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### **What is our hope in life and death**

Christ alone Christ alone  
What is our only confidence  
That our souls to Him belong  
Who holds our days within His hand

What comes apart from His command

And what will keep us to the end  
The love of Christ in which we stand

*O sing hallelujah*

*Our hope springs eternal*

*O sing hallelujah*

*Now and ever we confess*

*Christ our hope in life and death*

What truth can calm the troubled soul,  
God is good God is good  
Where is His grace and goodness known

In our great Redeemer's blood  
Who holds our faith when fears arise  
Who stands above the stormy trial  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh  
unto the shore the rock of Christ

Unto the grave what will we sing

Christ He lives Christ He lives

And what reward will heaven bring

Everlasting life with Him

There we will rise to meet the Lord

Then sin and death will be destroyed

And we will feast in endless joy

When Christ is ours forevermore

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### **Bible Readings**

2 Peter 1: 1-10; Matthew 4.1-11

### **Sermon**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **Intercessions**

### **Communion**

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.**

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

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

As our Saviour taught us, so we 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 forever.  
Amen.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Draw near with faith.  
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you.  
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

## **GIVING OF COMMUNION**

You have opened the scriptures, O Christ, and have made yourself known in the breaking of the bread. Abide with us we pray, that, blessed by your royal presence, we may walk with you all the days of our life, and at its end behold you in the glory of the eternal Trinity, one God for ever and ever.  
Amen.

## NOTICES

You will have received an email from this week concerning a curate for the benefice. Do please consider the issues carefully and get back to us with your thoughts and to Mike Sinfield in Eynsham if you would be in a position to financially support the ministry of a curate.

Week of prayer 13th -23rd May to pray for three things:

- Pray for those who are lost in our world and in our communities - to be found by Jesus come home to God
- Pray for those who are lost in the household of faith - having struggled this year in many ways and needing God to search them out anew.
- For us as we look ahead. What have we learnt as a church over the last year, how will that effect how we rebuild our corporate life and ministries.

DEAR LORD AND FATHER of mankind,  
forgive our foolish ways:  
re clothe us in our rightful mind;  
in purer lives your service find,  
in deeper reverence praise,  
in deeper reverence praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of the Lord  
let us, like them, obey his word:  
'Rise up and follow me,  
rise up and follow me!'

O sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
when Jesus shared on bended knee  
the silence of eternity  
interpreted by love,  
interpreted by love!

Drop your still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and  
stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of your peace,  
the beauty of your peace.

Breathe through the heats of our  
desire your coolness and your balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire,  
speak through the earthquake, wind  
and fire,

O still small voice of calm,  
O still small voice of calm!

John Greenleaf Whittier (1807 - 1892)  
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## **Blessing**

God the Father,  
by whose glory Christ was raised from  
the dead,  
strengthen you to walk with him in  
his risen life.