

St Paul's Zoom Worship - Sunday 17th May 2020

Waiting

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

(from Psalm 47.5)

As God's people we have gathered:

let us worship him together.

Be with us, Spirit of God;

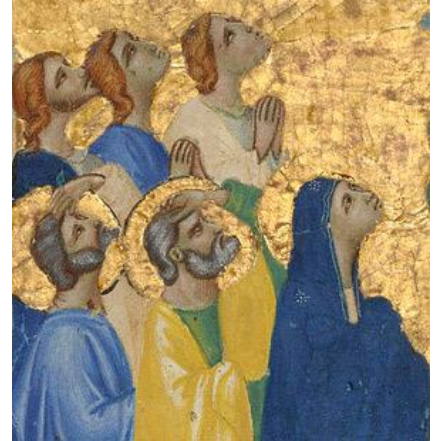
nothing can separate us from your love.

Breathe on us, breath of God

fill us with your saving power.

Speak in us, wisdom of God;

bring strength, healing and peace.



Prayer of Confession *(we say sorry for the ways we have turned away from God)*

We use the following response

Lord, have mercy

All: Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

All: Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

All: Lord, have mercy

Absolution *(Hear God's words of forgiveness)*

Hymn: God forgave my sin

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name.

I've been born again in Jesus' name

And in Jesus' name I come to you

To share his love as he told me to.

He said 'Freely, freely you have received; freely, freely give.

Go in my name, and because you believe others will know that I live.

All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name

in earth and heav'n in Jesus name

And in Jesus' name I come to you

To share his pow'r as he told me to. *He said...*

God gives us life in Jesus' name

he lives in us in Jesus' name

And in Jesus' name I come to you

To share his peace as he told me to. *He said...*

Collect for Thy Kingdom Come

Almighty God, your ascended Son has sent us into the world to preach the good news of your kingdom: inspire us with your Spirit and fill our hearts with the fire of your love, that all who hear your Word may be drawn to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Reading: Acts 1: 1-14

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ² until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³ After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴ While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Reflection

Reflective Song: At the foot of the cross

VERSE 1:

At the foot of the Cross,
Where I kneel in adoration
And I lay my burdens down
I exchange all my sin
For the promise of salvation
And Your name across my brow

VERSE 3:

At the foot of the Cross
There is healing for this nation
There is rest for those who wait
And the love that we find
is the hope of all creation
We are stunned by what You gave.
We will wait here at the Cross (x4)

VERSE 2:

At the foot of the Cross
I give up my vain ambition
And I leave my selfish pride
In the peace that is there,
will You restore my vision?
In all the places I am blind
I will wait here at the Cross (x4)

VERSE 4:

We will wait at the cross,
a hungry generation
With our broken hearts and lives
Will You hear? Will You come?
Will You fill our desperation?
Oh God let this be the time.

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We renew our commitment to our reigning Lord

Let us affirm the faith of the Church which Christ commissions us to share with the world

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

All I believe and trust in Him.

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

All I believe and trust in Him.

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?

All I believe and trust in Him.

This is the faith of the Church.

All This is our faith.

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

Intercessions Charles



Thy Kingdom Come - *pray that we will:*

- *Deepen our own relationship with Jesus Christ*
- *Pray for 5 friends or family to come to faith in Jesus*
- *Pray for the empowerment of the Spirit that we would be effective in our witness*

The Lord's Prayer

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.

We share the peace

God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia!

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you. Alleluia!**

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.' *Matthew 28.19,20*

Hymn: Thy Kingdom Come

Thy Kingdom Come – Lord teach us how to pray
For all to know your joy, your peace and love
And know your friendship each and every day
The breath of Christ, the Father's gentle dove.

Thy Kingdom Come – Christ's prayer to make us one
That all may know the Father sent the Son
To celebrate the victory He has won
In love and grace we pray: 'thy will be done'.

Thy Kingdom Come – we pray for those we know
To turn and follow you for all their days
and in your love find peace and service grow
Our one desire and hope your highest praise.

Thy Kingdom Come – transform our human ways
Our lives laid down in mercy, truth and care
Nations renewed, in giving thanks and praise
To see God's Kingdom come: this is our prayer.

Thy Kingdom Come – we praise your Holy name
Your sacrifice and rising sets us free
That by our words and lives we may proclaim
By Jesus' risen life, God's victory!



As we wait in silence,	make us ready for your coming Spirit.
As we listen for your word,	make us ready for your coming Spirit.
As we worship you in majesty,	make us ready for your coming Spirit.
As we long for your refreshing,	make us ready for your coming Spirit.
As we long for your renewing,	make us ready for your coming Spirit.
As we long for your equipping,	make us ready for your coming Spirit.
As we long for your empowering,	make us ready for your coming Spirit.

Blessing

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and strengthen you to proclaim the word and works of God; and the blessing ...

Note: Next week for Pentecost can you wear something red/orangelyellow and bring a candle to light.