

**ST GEORGE'S BERLIN**  
**Morning Worship**  
**10 MAY 2020 EASTER 5**

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**Introit** *Morning has broken* (solo)

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Gloria in Excelsis**

**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.**

**Collect of the day**

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.**

**First Reading: Acts 7. 55 - 60**

Standing before the high priest and the council, <sup>55</sup>Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' <sup>57</sup>But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup>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. <sup>59</sup>While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' <sup>60</sup>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.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 31.1-5,15-16**

*In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame; \**

**deliver me in your righteousness.**

*Incline your ear to me; \**

**make haste to deliver me.**

*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.**

*Take me out of the net*

*that they have laid secretly for me, \**

**for you are my strength.**

*Into your hands I commend my spirit, \**

**for you have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.**

*'My times are in your hand; \**

**deliver me from the hand of my enemies,**

**and from those who persecute me.**

*'Make your face to shine upon your servant, \**

**and save me for your mercy's sake.'**

**Epistle: 1 Peter 2. 2 - 10**

<sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation – <sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. <sup>4</sup>Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and

precious in God's sight, and <sup>5</sup>like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in scripture: 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.'<sup>7</sup>To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner', <sup>8</sup>and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. <sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. <sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Solo:** *Cantate Domino canticum novum* (Gregorian chant)

**Gospel: John 14. 1 - 14**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: <sup>1</sup>'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In 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? <sup>3</sup>And 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. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going.' <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.' <sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' <sup>9</sup>Jesus 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"? <sup>10</sup>Do 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. <sup>11</sup>Believe 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. <sup>12</sup>Very 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. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Sermon**

**Solo** *How lovely is thy dwelling-place* (arr. J. Asprey)

### **The Nicene Creed**

**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.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

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

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### **Prayers of Penitence**

God is love and we are his children.  
There is no room for fear in love.

We love because he loved us first.  
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**God our Father, we confess to you  
and to our fellow members in the body of  
Christ**

**that we have sinned in thought, word and  
deed,  
and in what we have failed to do.**

**We are truly sorry.  
Forgive us our sins,  
and deliver us from the power of evil,  
for the sake of your Son who died for us,  
Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

God, who is both power and love,  
forgive you and free you from your sins,

heal and strengthen you by his Spirit  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **The Peace**

The risen Christ came and stood among his  
disciples  
and said, "Peace be with you".  
Then they were glad when they saw the Lord.  
Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

**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, and the power,  
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Blessing**

**Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia,  
alleluia.**

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Postlude** Thy hand, O God, has guided (*Hymn 171*)  
*solo*

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- *Please sit in the marked places.*
- *Our morning service will be broadcast today on our You Tube channel (see newsletter or website for link).*
- *There will be a retiring collection today, at the door.*
- *Children's Church is currently online.*
- *Please register to come to one of our services next week in the church office: 10.30 Morning*

**Worship or 18.00 Evening Prayer (Marienkirche in Mitte).**

- **There will be a service on Ascension Day, 21 May, at 10.30 in St George´s.**

**Next Sunday´s readings:** Acts 17. 22 – 31, 1 Peter 3. 13 – end and John 14. 15 – 21.



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