**Morning Prayer on the Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Sunday 12th May 2024 at 9.30 (call in from 9.15)

Join Zoom Meeting

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**Preparation**

O Lord, open our lips

*All* **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us,

*All* **and clothe us with power from on high. Alleluia!**

What God has prepared for those who love him, he has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything. Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord, who has prepared good things for those who love him.

*1 Corinthians 2:9-10*

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You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:

Lord, have mercy.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart:

Christ, have mercy.

*All* **Christ, have mercy.**

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided:

Lord, have mercy.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

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.

*All* **Amen.**

Collect

O God the King of glory,

you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ

with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:

we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,

but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us

and exalt us to the place where

our Saviour Christ is gone before,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

*All*  **Amen.**

**The Word of God**

*Psalm 1*

All **The Lord knows the way of the righteous.**

1    Blessed are they who have not walked

in the counsel of the wicked,

nor lingered in the way of sinners,

nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.

2    Their delight is in the law of the Lord

and they meditate on his law day and night.

3    Like a tree planted by streams of water

bearing fruit in due season,

with leaves that do not wither,

whatever they do, it shall prosper.

All **The Lord knows the way of the righteous.**

4    As for the wicked, it is not so with them;

they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5    Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand

in the judgement,

nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.

6    For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,

but the way of the wicked shall perish.

All **The Lord knows the way of the righteous.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

*All* **as it was in the beginning,**

**is now, and shall be for ever.**

**Amen.**

*First Reading:* 1 John 5:9-13

9As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. 10If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. 11I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

12“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God**

Canticle: A Song of Ezekiel

*All* **The Spirit of the Lord fills the whole world. Alleluia!**

1    I will take you from the nations,

and gather you from all the countries.

2    I will sprinkle clean water upon you,

and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses.

3    A new heart I will give you,

and put a new spirit within you.

*All* **The Spirit of the Lord fills the whole world. Alleluia!**

4    And I will remove from your body the heart of stone

and give you a heart of flesh.

5    You shall be my people,

and I will be your God.

*All* **The Spirit of the Lord fills the whole world. Alleluia!**

*Ezekiel 36:24-26, 28b*

Glory to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

*All* **as it was in the beginning, is now**

**and shall be for ever.**

**Amen.**

*Second Reading:* John 17:6-19

6“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. 7Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; 8for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. 9I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. 10All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. 11And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. 12While I was with them, I protected them in your name thatyou have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost,so that the scripture might be fulfilled. 13But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. 14I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. 15I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. 16They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. 17Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. 18As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. 19And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God**

*We pause to reflect on the readings before turning to prayer.*

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**Prayers**

Almighty God, may our prayers ascend to you

just as Jesus Christ, your Son, was taken up to heaven.

As we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord Jesus

let it inspire in us feelings of joy and hope

rather than fear and separation

as we await the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Risen and ascended Lord,

*All*  **hear us.**

Everlasting God, we pray for our Bishops,

James, Jackie, and all Church Leaders;

we give thanks for all your people

who serve in any way in these parishes.

Bless us, we pray, and make us a blessing to others

as we work together

to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ in this place.

Risen and ascended Lord,

*All*  **hear us.**

Merciful God, we pray for all who suffer.

Bring your healing to those who are ill, especially …

May they know the gentle touch of your hand upon them.

Risen and ascended Lord,

*All*  **hear us.**

Draw near to all who are anxious for the future,

and bring comfort to all who grieve.

We pray especially for the families and friends of …

Uphold them, Lord, in your great love.

Risen and ascended Lord,

*All*  **hear us.**

Creator God, we pray for our troubled world,

for its peoples and their leaders.

We pray for all caught up in war, violence and hatred;

especially the innocent victims of these evils,

and those who are abused because of Christ.

May injustice be overturned and wrong vanquished,

that peace may abound and righteousness flourish.

Risen and ascended Lord,

*All*  **hear us.**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

*All* **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

The Spirit of truth lead us into all truth,

give us grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,

and strengthen us

to proclaim the word and works of God;

And the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among us and remain with us

and those whom we love and pray for

today and always.

*All* **Amen.**

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**Future events**

**Exe Valley Lunches 12.30- 2.30pm**

Thursday 13 June A Trip to Knightshayes Court

Contact the Church Office to book a place. Tel: 01884 250417 or email: office@exevalleymissioncommunity.org

**Exe Valley Mission Community Choir**

Sarah Milne has kindly agreed to lead the Choir again and Tim Hugill to play the organ, so the choir will be singing at Pentecost, May 19th at St Peter’s Oakford, 10.45am.

All rehearsals start at 7.30pm and the dates are:

16 May - St Peter’s Oakford

19 May - St Peter’s Oakford for Pentecost

Everyone is welcome to join the choir so please come along.

Contact Sarah Milne on 07790 790249 for further details.

**Prayer Breakfasts at The Rectory**

On the 4th Saturday of every month starting on 22 June at 9.00am. Everyone welcome.

**9 – 19 May: Thy Kingdom Come**

*Thy Kingdom Come* is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. Christians from more than 170 countries and 65 denominations took part last year. *Thy Kingdom Come* runs between Ascension and Pentecost**.** What started in 2016 as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer. Go to [www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global) for online resources or at the entrance to each church.

**12 May at 4.00pm Confirmation Service at Exeter Cathedral.**

Please pray for the five candidates who are taking this step of faith, from our Mission Community. Friends and family are welcome at the service.

**Giving**

To give to the Exe Valley Mission Community by BACS, please use account number 54731690 and sort code 60-21-27. Please use the reference *EVMC services*.

To give to St Peter’s Church, please go to [www.stpeterstiverton.org.uk](http://www.stpeterstiverton.org.uk) and follow the donations link on the front page of the website.

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