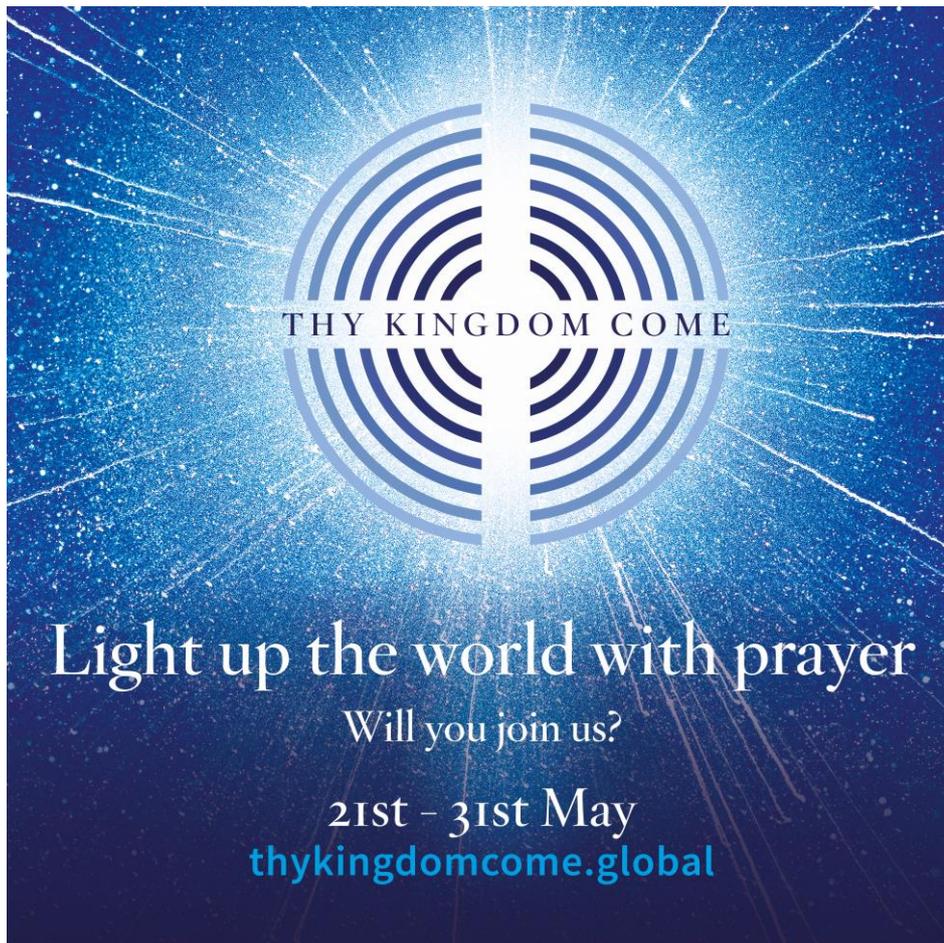


## Easter 6



**Alleluia Christ is risen**

**He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!!**

## An Act of Spiritual Communion

*The following act of spiritual communion is made available while we cannot worship in church. The church has from earliest times used the term 'Spiritual Communion' to describe the means of grace by which a person, prevented for some serious reason from sharing in a celebration of the Eucharist, nonetheless shares in the communion of Jesus Christ.*

*Remember always, that we are never truly alone.*

*Not only is God present with us, and in the prayer and worship we offer, even when physically alone, the saints and angels are present spiritually with us.*

*The Eucharist will be celebrated at 10am on Sunday.*

*Joining in this short service will also unite us all spiritually within this celebration.*

*First settle yourself quietly without distractions. Turn the phone and TV off. You might want to play quiet, reflective music in the background. You may want to light a candle as a focus. You could even set up a 'prayer corner' with religious images, statues, or candles. Be still and know that God is with you.*

**Welcome** [here](#)

**In the name of the Father  
and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*Now call to mind your sins and make this act of contrition:*

**Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Ask God for his forgiveness:*

**May the Lord in all his mercy,  
grant me forgiveness of my sins,  
deliver me from evil,  
and bring me to the joy of eternal life.  
Amen.**

*At this point read the Opening Prayer (Collect) for the day:*

God our redeemer,  
you have delivered us from the power of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:  
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,  
so by his continual presence in us he  
may raise us to eternal joy;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## First reading

Acts 17:22-31

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him – though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals.

While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

**Hymn** [Purify my heart](#)

*Now read the Gospel*

John 14:15-21

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples: “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever.

This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live.

On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord Alleluia!

**Praise to you O Christ. Alleluia!**

**Homily** [here](#)

**Hymn** [Thy Kingdom Come](#)

## The Apostles' Creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Prayers of Intercession: [Join Pip here](#)

God through these challenging times we pray that you can help us to remember to consistently place value in our faith in you and not in material possessions. We pray that we can use this time to strengthen our relationship with you and those around us.  
Lord In your mercy, hear our prayer

Father we pray that your wisdom and strength surrounds our leaders as they make decisions on our behalf. We pray too that those in our community continue to support one another and have the courage to seek help when they are in need.  
Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

As the world shares knowledge and understanding of this pandemic may we come together as global community or show compassion and love sharing our resources for good and for truth.  
Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

We bring before you those who are unwell, who suffering and those who have died. We pray for them and for their families and that comfort can be found in the promise of an eternal life with you. In a moment of quiet reflection we bring our own prayers before you.  
Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

Help us Heavenly Father to remain close to you. Give us strength and patience to fulfil our promise to live by your word.  
Lord in your mercy, hear all our prayers.

Merciful father

**Accept these prayers for the sake of your son,  
our saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Hymn** [There is a redeemer](#)

**The Eucharistic Prayer:** [here](#)

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

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 indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
almighty and eternal Father,  
and in these days of Easter  
to celebrate with joyful hearts  
the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion

Jesus Christ, your risen Son,

has conquered the powers of death and hell

and restored in men and women the image of your glory.

He has placed them once more in paradise  
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover,

earth and heaven resound with gladness,

while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation  
sing for ever the hymn of your glory.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest;**

**Blessed is he, who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,

through Jesus Christ, our Lord;

and as we obey his command,

send your Holy Spirit,

that broken bread and wine outpoured

may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;

do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.

Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.  
So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.  
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.  
Jesus Christ is Lord:  
**Lord, by your cross and resurrection  
you have set us free.  
You are the Saviour of the world.**  
Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.  
Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with Mary, Peter, Paul and all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.  
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer** [here](#)

**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. Amen**

*Now make your spiritual communion.*

*Imagine that you are receiving the Host:*

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word and I shall be healed.  
My Jesus, I believe that you  
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love you above all things,  
and I desire to receive you into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace you as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to you.  
Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

God our Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:  
may we thirst for you,  
the spring of life and source of goodness,  
through him who is alive and reigns,  
now and for ever. Amen.

**The Blessing:** [The Uk Blessing](#)

*Why not forward the link to friends and family? To remind them “He is with you”.*

The Lord said to Moses,  
“Tell Aaron and his sons, ‘This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them:  
The LORD bless you and keep you:  
The LORD make his face to shine upon you,  
and be gracious to you:  
The LORD lift up his countenance upon you,  
and give you peace. (Numbers 6:24-26).  
**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Alleluia!! Alleluia!!**  
**In the name of Christ, Amen. Alleluia!! Alleluia!!**

**Thy Kingdom Come resources:**

Light up the world <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/lightuptheworld>

Digital family adventure prayer map:

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources/digital-family-prayer-adventure-map>

If you download the app this becomes augmented reality!

This years prayer journal and novena

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources/key-resources-2020>