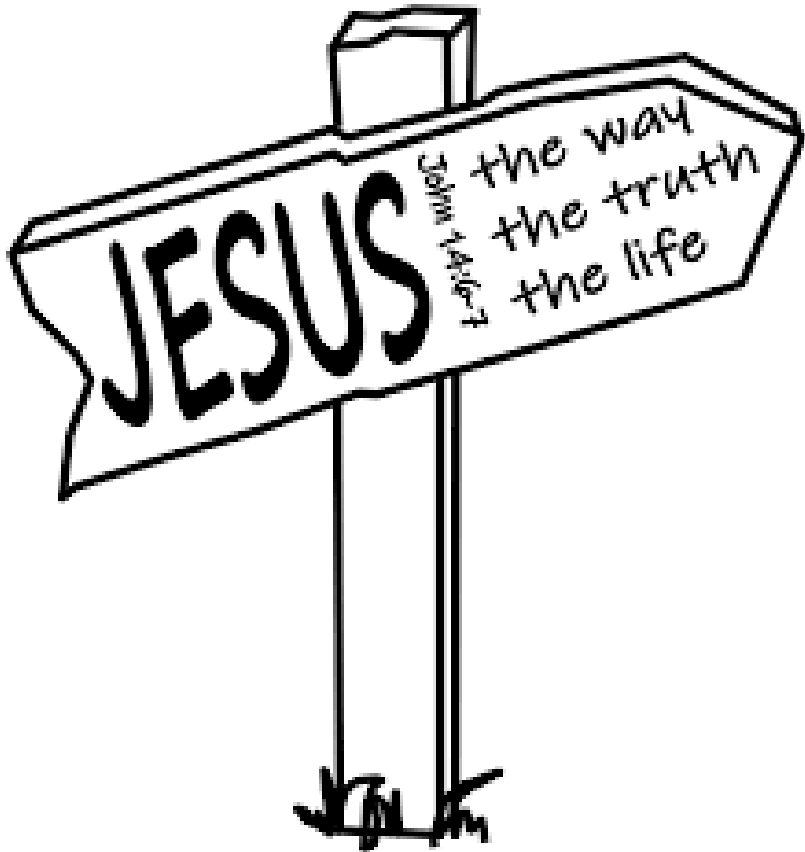


Service for Fifth Sunday of Easter



St Laurence Church, Downton

Preparation

The Easter Acclamation

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Jesus is the way, and the truth, and the life.

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Alleluia.

The Team Rector introduces the service

Music: To You, O Lord, I Lift Up My Soul (*The Oxford Choir*)

Benedicite - a Song of Creation:

Bless the Lord all you works of the Lord:

sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord you heavens:

sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord you angels of the Lord:

bless the Lord all you his hosts;

bless the Lord you waters above the heavens:

sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord sun and moon:

bless the Lord you stars of heaven;

bless the Lord all rain and dew:

sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord all winds that blow:

bless the Lord you fire and heat;

bless the Lord scorching wind and bitter cold:

sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord dews and falling snows:
bless the Lord you nights and days;

bless the Lord light and darkness:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord frost and cold:
bless the Lord you ice and snow;

bless the Lord lightnings and clouds:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

O let the earth bless the Lord:
bless the Lord you mountains and hills;

bless the Lord all that grows in the ground:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord you springs:
bless the Lord you seas and rivers;

bless the Lord you whales and all that swim in the waters:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord all birds of the air:
bless the Lord you beasts and cattle;

bless the Lord all people on earth:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

O people of God bless the Lord:
bless the Lord you priests of the Lord;

bless the Lord you servants of the Lord:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord all you of upright spirit:
bless the Lord you that are holy and humble in heart;

bless the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings:

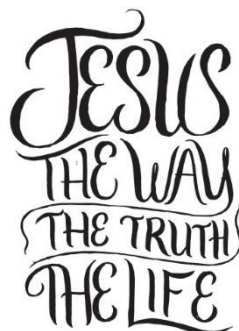
Acts 7:55-60

John 14:1-14

After each reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Reflection

Music: Holy is His Name (*Martin Doman*)

Prayers

We are led in a time of prayer

The Lord's Prayer is said:

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

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.**

Conclusion

The Collect

Let us pray that we may walk the risen life of Christ in glory.

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us
the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Blessing:

May Christ,
the Way, the Truth and the Life,
keep you following him day by day
as he leads us to the place
where we will meet him face to face;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Jesus says: My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much
fruit and become my disciples. *(John 15:8)*
Go in his peace. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.