

Sunday 21 May 2017

Sixth Sunday of Easter

**Processional Hymn**

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,  
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,  
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:  
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,  
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,  
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:  
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

Lord, for our land in this our generation,  
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:  
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,  
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt you,  
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,  
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without you:  
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord for ourselves; in living pow'r remake us -  
self on the cross, and Christ upon the throne,  
past put behind us, for the future take us:  
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

*Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith*

*Tune: LORD OF THE YEARS*

## Collect

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 (p.134 NT)*

## Psalm 66

*The choir sings and all respond*

All the earth shall worship you, O Lord.

**All the earth shall worship you, O Lord.**

Come and listen, all / you who . fear / God,

And I will tell you what he has done / for my / soul.

I called out to him / with my / mouth

And his praise was / on my / tongue.

**All the earth shall worship you, O Lord.**

If I had nursed evil in my heart, the Lord would / not have / heard me,

But in truth / God has / heard me;

He has heeded the / voice of . my / prayer.

Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, \* nor withheld his loving /  
mercy . from / me.

**All the earth shall worship you, O Lord.**

**Second Reading**      *1 Peter 3. 13 – end (p. 231 NT)*

## Gradual Hymn

*A new commandment I give unto you:  
that you love one another as I have loved you,  
that you love one another as I have loved you.*

1. By this shall all know that you are my disciples  
if you have love one for another.  
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if you have love one for another.

*A new commandment I give unto you..*

2. You are my friends if you do what I command you.  
Without my help you can do nothing.  
You are my friends if you do what I command you.  
Without my help you can do nothing.

*A new commandment I give unto you..*

3. I am the true vine, my Father is the gard'ner.

Abide in me: I will be with you.

I am the true vine, my father is the gard'ner.

Abide in me: I will be with you.

*A new commandment I give unto you..*

4. True love is patient, not arrogant or boastful;

love bears all things, love is eternal.

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*Words: Unknown. Verse 1 based on John 13: 34-35*

*Verses 2-4: Aniceto Nazareth, based on John 15 and Corinthians 13.*

**Gospel Reading**      *John 14. 15 – 21 (p. 105 NT)*

### **Offertory Hymn**

O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray  
that all thy Church might be for ever one,  
grant us at ev'ry eucharist to say  
with longing heart and soul, 'Thy will be done.'  
O may we all one bread, one body be,  
through this blest sacrament of unity.

For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;  
make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;  
draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,  
by drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace:  
thus may we all one bread, one body be,  
through this blest sacrament of unity.

We pray thee too for wand'ers from thy fold;  
O bring them back, good Shepherd of the sheep,  
back to the faith which saints believed of old,  
back to the Church which still that faith doth keep:  
soon may we all one bread, one body be,  
through this blest sacrament of unity.

So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,  
may we be one with all thy Church above,  
one with thy saints in one unbroken peace,  
one with thy saints in one unbounded love:  
more blessed still, in peace and love to be  
one with the Trinity in unity.

Words: William Henry Turton

Tune: SONG I

### **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.**

### **Recessional Hymn.**

1. Christ triumphant, ever reigning,  
Saviour, Master, King,  
Lord of heav'n, our lives sustaining,  
hear us as we sing:

*Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown, the eternal name.*

2. Word incarnate, truth revealing,  
Son of Man on earth!  
Pow'r and majesty concealing  
By your humble birth:

*Yours the glory and the crown...*

3. Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,  
victim crucified!

Death is through the cross defeated,  
sinners justified:

*Yours the glory and the crown..*

4. Priestly King, enthroned for ever  
high in heav'n above!

Sin and death and hell shall never  
stifle hymns of love:

*Yours the glory and the crown..*

5. So, our hearts and voices raising  
through the ages long,  
ceaselessly upon you gazing,  
this shall be our song:

*Yours the glory and the crown..*

Words: Michael Saward

Tune: GUITING POWER

### **Organ voluntary**

Nun danket alle Gott (Karg-Elert)