

## LITURGY FOR THE SUNDAYS IN EASTER 2020 24-05-2020

*Hymn: TIS 474 Here in this place*

**1** Here in this place new light is streaming,  
Now is the darkness vanished away,  
See in this space our fears and our dreaming,  
Brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in – the lost and the forsaken,  
Gather us in – the blind and the lame;  
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
We shall arise at the sound of our name.

**2** Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
Not in some heaven light years away,  
But here in this place the new light is shining,  
Now is the kingdom, now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever,  
Gather us in and make us your own;  
Gather us in – all peoples together,  
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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*Priest:* The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.  
**And also with you.**  
Christ is risen. Alleluia, alleluia!  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia!**

*WELCOME*

Let us pray.  
**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.**

Christ has entered heaven itself, there to appear before God on our behalf.

*Silence may be kept.*

Let us therefore draw near in full assurance of faith,  
and confess our sins to the God of grace

**Merciful God,**  
**our maker and our judge,**  
**we have sinned against you**  
**in thought, word, and deed,**  
**and in what we have failed to do:**  
**we have not loved you with our whole heart;**  
**we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;**  
**we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.**  
**Father, forgive us.**  
**Strengthen us to love and obey you**  
**in newness of life;**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*PRIEST:* Almighty God,  
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:  
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,  
strengthen you in all goodness  
and keep you in eternal life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*We sing the Gloria together*  
**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's 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.**

*The Collect for Easter 7*

*The first reading*

A reading from the book of the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 1. (6-14)

Hear the word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God.**

***Psalm 68.1-10, 68.32-35***

God shall arise, and his enemies shall be scattered:  
those that hate him shall flee before his face.

**As smoke is dispersed, so shall they be dispersed:  
as wax melts before a fire,  
so shall the wicked perish at the presence of God.**

But the righteous shall be glad and exult before God:  
they shall rejoice with gladness.

**O sing to God, sing praises to his name:  
glorify him that rode through the deserts,  
him whose name is the Lord, and exult before him.**

He is the father of the fatherless,  
he upholds the cause of the widow:  
God in his holy dwelling place.

**He gives the desolate a home to dwell in,  
and brings the prisoners out into prosperity:  
but rebels must dwell in a barren land.**

O God, when you went out before your people:  
when you marched through the wilderness,  
**The earth shook, the heavens poured down water:  
before the God of Sinai, before God, the God of Israel.**

You showered down a generous rain, O God:  
you prepared the land of your possession  
when it was weary.

**And there your people settled:  
in the place that your goodness, O God,  
had made ready for the poor.**

Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth:  
O sing praises to the Lord,  
**To him that rides upon the highest heavens,  
that were from the beginning:  
who utters his voice, which is a mighty voice.**  
Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel:  
and his might is in the clouds.

**Terrible is God who comes from his holy place:  
the God of Israel who gives power  
and strength to his people. Blessed be God.**

*Hymn: Come to the Water*

**Refrain**

Come to the water! You who are thirsty!  
Though you have nothing, I bid you come!  
And be filled with the goodness I have to offer!  
Come! Listen! Live.

**1** Why spend your money on what cannot fill  
The emptiness deep in your heart?  
Listen to my word and you will enjoy  
Goodness and peace in your heart! **Refrain**

**2** Just as the heavens are high above earth;  
My ways and thoughts beyond you!  
Call me your Father and know I am near!  
I will be Father to you! **Refrain**

**3** Just as the rain falls to water the earth;  
Just as a seed becomes bread  
My word upon you can never return  
Until my longing is filled! **Refrain**

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*The Gospel Reading.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

This is the Gospel of the Lord,  
**praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

*The Sermon*

*THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE*

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith  
we may by your grace receive,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*THE GREETING OF PEACE*

*PRIEST:* Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

**We meet in his name and share his peace.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*Offertory hymn: TiS 217i Love Divine*

**1** Love Divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heaven, to earth come down;  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
All Thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
Pure unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation,  
Enter every trembling heart!

**2** Come, almighty to deliver!  
Let us all thy grace receive;  
Suddenly return, and never,  
Suddenly return, and never,  
Never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

**3** Finish, then, thy new creation,  
Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see thy great salvation  
Perfectly restored in thee:  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heaven we take our place;  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,  
Lost in wonder, love and praise.

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Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.  
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.  
Accept and use our offerings for your glory  
and for the service of your kingdom.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

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 our thanks and praise.**

....for ever praising you and saying

**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.**

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:  
**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

...in songs of never-ending praise:  
**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,  
**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.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

As this broken bread was once many grains,  
which have been gathered together and made one bread:  
**so may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.  
Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

*Before the priest receives Communion, she turns towards the camera,  
holding the bread and wine, and says*

Christ is in our midst.  
He is and always will be.  
As I take this holy sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ  
in remembrance that he died for us,  
let us all feed on him in our hearts  
by faith with thanksgiving.  
**Come Lord Jesus, dwell in me  
and send your Holy Spirit  
that I may be filled with your presence.**

*Hymn: TiS 741 O Lord hear my prayer*  
O Lord hear my prayer  
O Lord hear my prayer  
When I call answer me.  
O Lord hear my prayer  
O Lord hear my prayer  
Come and listen to me.

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*Prayer after Communion*

Most loving God,  
**you send us into the world you love.**  
**Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage in the power of your Spirit.**

*Blessing*

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

*Hymn TiS 658 I the Lord of sea & sky*

**1** I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin, my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

**Refrain** Here I am Lord; is it I, Lord?  
**I have heard you calling in the night;**  
**I will go Lord, if you lead me,**  
**I will hold your people in my heart.**

**2** I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have born my peoples pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send? **Refrain**

**3** I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
Till their hearts are satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send? **Refrain**  
*Daniel L Schutte TiS 658*