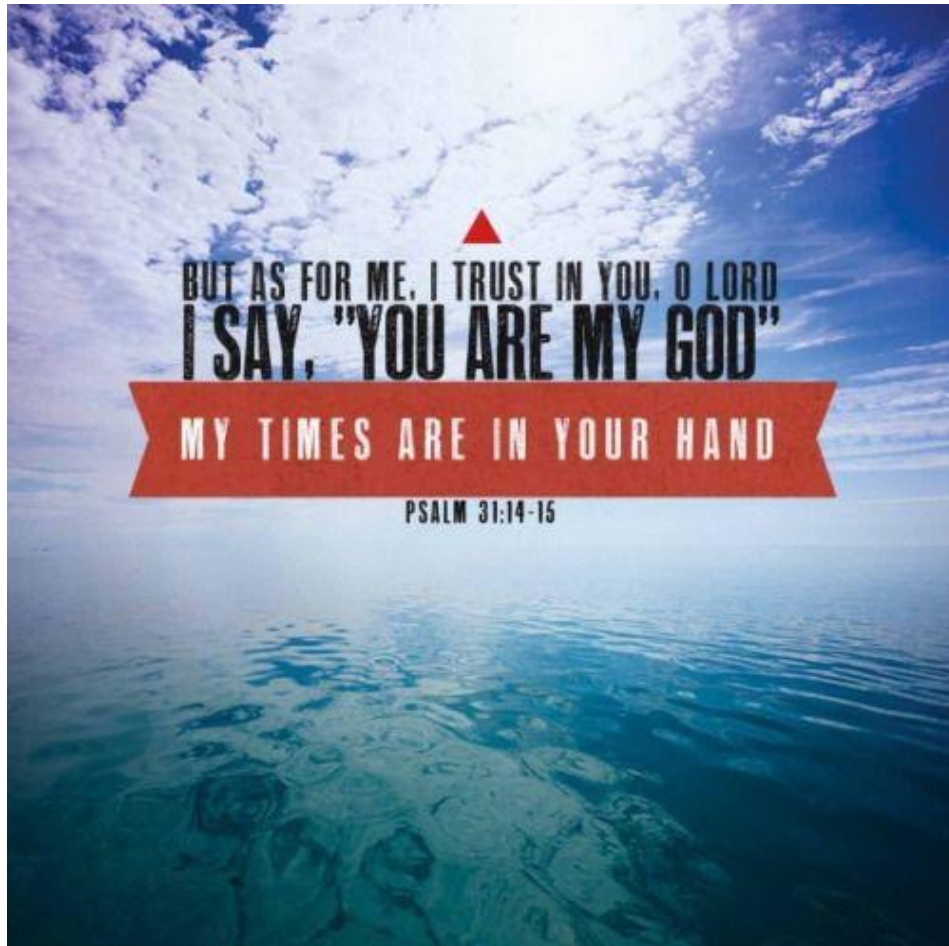


# Sunday Morning Worship

*10th May 2020*

*The Fifth Sunday of Easter*



*Please come with us on a journey of prayer, praise and worship this morning.  
Join in with us at home by using this service sheet.*

*"This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you both see and hear." Acts 2: 32-33*

O Lord our God, we will praise You with all our heart,  
O Lord our God, we will proclaim Your greatness forever,  
Great is Your constant love for us; You have saved and redeemed us in Your Son! **Amen.**

*Opening Worship – It Is Well With My Soul*

*Confession*

Please join in with the response to 'In your mercy, forgive us' -

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,  
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,  
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief:  
In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived by our own strength,  
and not by the power of your resurrection.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,  
as faithless and not believing.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone,  
and doubted our home in heaven.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

**Amen.**

*Absolution*

*Psalm 31: 1-5 & 14-16*

*Affirmation of Faith*

If you are able please stand as we affirm our faith:  
We join together to say:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 again 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.

*Bible Reading –  
1 Peter 2: 2-10  
Sermon*

*Collect of the Day*

Lord of all life and power,  
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son  
overcame the old order of sin and death  
to make all things new in him:  
Grant that we, being dead to sin  
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,  
may reign with him in glory;  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be praise and honour, glory and might,  
now and in all eternity. **Amen.**

*Prayers and Intercessions*

We still our hearts before You now Father God. We ask You to be upon each of us wherever we are worshipping today. We praise You for the saving grace open to each one of us in Your precious Son. We thank You for the gift of Your Holy Spirit as our comforter, counsellor and advocate.

Heavenly Father, we pray for our world, our nation and for our community in these challenging times. We pray for all health and care workers who continue

to work in hospitals, care homes, in the community, in doctor's surgeries and in all other places battling Covid-19. Bless them with the tools of grace and patience, energy and strength.

We pray for those who are finding these circumstances particularly difficult; those who are especially isolated and are feeling lonely and distressed. Be their strength and courage today.

Father we pray for all those who suffer as a result of this pandemic – for those suffering the illness themselves, for their family and friends and for all those bereaved. Be their comfort and their peace in their pain. May we be people who gather around those who are broken-hearted, those we know to be struggling and those who are feeling lost. May we be Your hands and feet Lord Jesus.

Father God, we remember today the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Victory in Europe, when the sounds and horrors of war fell silent and ended on this continent. We remember those soldiers, sailors and airmen who gave their lives during World War Two. We thank You for the years of peace the nations of Europe have enjoyed since then.

With this in heart and mind we pray together the Collect for Peace:

**Almighty God,  
from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed:  
Kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace;  
and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom  
those who take counsel for the nations of the earth,  
that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward,  
till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Lord's Prayer*

Wherever we are now, we use the words that our Lord and Saviour Himself taught us to pray. Let's say together:

**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.

*Closing Worship – I Will Trust My Saviour Jesus*

*Closing Blessing*

Go in peace, be very courageous;  
hold on to what is good;  
do not return evil for evil;  
strengthen the faint-hearted;  
support the weak, help the afflicted;  
honour all people, love and serve the Lord;  
rejoicing in His mighty resurrection by the power of the Holy Spirit;  
and by the grace of the Lord Jesus be with you all.  
Amen.