

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 and The Lord's Prayer

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.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.

#### Notices

#### Hymn

#### The Blessing

God the Father,  
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,  
strengthen us to walk with him in his risen life;  
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit be with us and remain with us always.  
**Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Morning Worship for the Six Villages Easter 5: Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021 at 11.15am

#### Welcome and Introduction

Alleluia. Christ is risen!  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

#### Hymn

#### Prayers of Penitence

Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us.  
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil  
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

**Lord God,**  
**we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight.**  
**We are sorry and repent.**  
**Have mercy on us according to your love.**  
**Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.**  
**Renew a right spirit within us**  
**and restore us to the joy of your salvation,**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May almighty God,  
who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,  
bring us his pardon and peace, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### Collect

Risen Christ,  
your wounds declare your love for the world  
and the wonder of your risen life:  
give us compassion and courage  
to risk ourselves for those we serve,  
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

## Easter Affirmation

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Blessed are those who have not seen him  
and yet have believed.

**He is our Lord and our God.**

We have seen his glory,

**the glory which he had as the Father's only Son,  
full of grace and truth.**

The Lord says to us, 'Do you love me?'

**Our hearts reply, 'You know that we love you.'**

Jesus says, 'Whoever comes to me shall never hunger.

**Whoever believes in me shall never thirst.'**

This is the Lamb of God

**who takes away the sins of the world.**

Jesus is the resurrection and the life:

**those who believe in him shall never die.**

Yes! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

## Reading

Acts 8:26-40

<sup>26</sup> Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) <sup>27</sup> So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup> and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup> Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' <sup>30</sup> So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' <sup>31</sup> He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. <sup>32</sup> Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.

<sup>33</sup> In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.'

<sup>34</sup> The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' <sup>35</sup> Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup> As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' <sup>38</sup> He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup> When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup> But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

## Talk

### 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.**