



**Sunday 24 May 2020**

## **Gathering God's People**

**Lali**

**Introit**

**Lighting the Christ Candle:**

**If you have a candle in your room, one of the children might light it  
and someone in your home read these words**

**Christ Jesus is the light of the world.**

**Greeting:**

To the community of Christ  
Scattered through the city:

Grace and peace to you.  
**And also to you.**

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



Too often, Lord God,  
we live as if:

**Christ Jesus  
Is bound to some past time  
and another place**

We leave him buried in tomb  
And act as if :

**there is no resurrection,  
that he has not ascended  
and is with you.**

Too often, Lord God,  
We live as if:

**the Spirit has not come**  
And you have not called us  
in every time and every place  
**To love God and to love our neighbour as ourselves.**

**Forgive us.**

*A time of silent confession*

## **Words of Assurance:**

So, if anyone is in Christ.  
There is a new creation:  
Everything old has passed away;  
Behold, the new has come.

Hear then Christ's word of grace to us:  
Your sins are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Either:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LycLo27SLyo>

**Behold, behold, I make all things new, beginning with you  
and starting from today.  
Behold, behold, I make all things new, my promise is true  
for I am Christ the Way (x2)**

**Or:**

**Sing: halle, halle, hallelujah**

## **The Peace**

May the peace of Christ be always with you.

**And also with you.**

**'The Faces of Jesus after Easter'. Amelia**

## **Learning Together:**

'What do you see ....?'

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<https://www.dalipaintings.com/the-ascension-of-christ.jsp>

<https://www.pinterest.com.au/pin/95842298291753211/> (Ki-Chang Kim)

[https://iconreader.files.wordpress.com/2012/05/15c\\_novgorod.jpg](https://iconreader.files.wordpress.com/2012/05/15c_novgorod.jpg)

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## Sharing:

### The Service of the Word

#### New Testament:

Acts 1:6-14

Isaia

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup>He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

<sup>12</sup>Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. <sup>13</sup>When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of <sup>[a]</sup> James. <sup>14</sup>All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

#### Gospel Reading:

John 17:1-11

Anare



## The Lord's Prayer

Song: 'May our lives and prayers be one'.

*May our lives and our prayers be one - by Paul Somerville*

May our | lives and our prayers be | one — —  
As our | hopes shape the roads we walk | on,  
And when our | work and our dream-ing's | done.  
May our | lives and our prayers be | one.

\* Within the rhythm of our days	———
\* We take the time to muse and pray	———
\* The fears we face, the tears we taste	———
\* We view in light of holy grace...	———

*May our lives...*

We name our deepest hopes and dreams  
For those we love and all in need.

We picture how the world could be.

We live the change we want to see.

*May our lives...*

Notices:

Sere:

**Dismissal and Blessing:**

Christ is risen:  
**He is risen indeed!**  
Christ is gone up  
**Christ is ascended**

May the love of God, the creator,  
in whose image you are made:  
Watch over you.

May the peace of the  
Risen and ascended Christ Jesus:

Set you free from fear  
And dwell within you.

May the life-giving wisdom of the  
Longed-for Spirit:

Renew you and bring you hope,  
When there seemed to be no hope.

Go, in the peace of Christ,  
Who is with us to the close of the age,  
**Amen**