

Lord **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, you have called us to be people who help others. We pray for those who work for peace and justice in our world. Give us compassion for those in need, give us ears to listen and eyes to see the needs around us. Give us the vision to help wherever we can.

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Lord God, you call us to life in all its fullness. Help us to be faithful in following you day by day. Fill us with joy, give us words of welcome, and help us to rejoice in all that you have done.

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The Lord's Prayer:

Believing in the promises of God, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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.**

We share good news and celebrate birthdays.

The Blessing.

May the peace of Jesus be in our hearts;
may the joy of Jesus be on our lips;
may the hope of Jesus be in our lives;
and the blessing ...

Hymn. 455 My Jesus my Saviour.

Let us go in the light and peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

**St Marys Ecclesfield.
All Age Celebration.
Sunday 8th May 2022.**

***“Following Jesus: Celebrating Life;
Welcoming All.”***

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER.

Notices.

Hymn. 16 All heaven declares.

Alleluia, Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed, Alleluia.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, king of the universe!

To you be glory and praise forever.

From the rising of the sun to its setting
your name is proclaimed in all the world.
To you be glory and praise forever.

**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.**

Confession.

As we remember there is room for everyone in God's house, we also remember the times when we have forgotten to include others, whether on purpose or by accident. We remember those times when we have not made room for God's love in our lives, and those times when our world seems full of anger and hate.

Forgive us for forgetting that each and every person is special to you. Forgive us for not listening or welcoming others.

Lord have mercy.

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Forgive us for the times that we have neglected or hurt others. Forgive us for not speaking out for those who no one hears.
Christ have mercy.
Christ have mercy.

Forgive us for forgetting that you love each one of us. Forgive us for not living as people who are loved by you.
Lord have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

May the God of love bring us back to himself, forgive us our sins, and assure us of his eternal love in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Hymn. 383 Let us build a house

We remain standing to say the Gloria:

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his 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, the prayer for this week.
Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

Children's Hymn 739 Wide, wide as the ocean.

Readings.

Psalm 23. & John 10:22-30.

Hymn 637 The Lord's my shepherd (I will trust)

Sermon.

Our Faith.

We declare our Faith and trust in God.
**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with His love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

The Peace.

The risen Jesus came and stood among his disciples and said, "Peace be with you!" and then they were glad when they saw the Lord. The peace of the risen Lord be always with you **and also with you.**
We share a sign of peace.

Hymn 18 All I once held dear.

The Prayers.

Lord God, we pray for your Church throughout the world as people gather to pray and to praise. Give courage to those who face difficulties; give wisdom to those who lead; and give us all a heart to welcome others.
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Lord God, you have called us to be people who gather around you, who read your word, listen to your voice, and share our concerns in prayer. Inspire those who teach us how to pray and strengthen all of us so that we may know that you are with us.
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Lord God, you have called us to be a people who tell others the good news about Jesus. Give us confidence as we speak about all that you have done. We pray for our community, help your Church to reach out to those who feel neglected and unloved.