

The Cornerstone, the Way, the Truth, the Life

Online Service for Easter 5

May 10th 2020

Officiant: *The Very Revd Christopher Dalliston, Dean
of Peterborough*

Introduction

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

All **And also with you.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The Dean introduces the service and invites people to join in the first hymn

Hymn



Christ is our corner-stone,
on him alone we build;
with his true saints alone
the courts of heaven are filled:
 on his great love
 our hopes we place
 of present grace
 and joys above.

O then with hymns of praise these
hallowed courts shall ring;
our voices we will raise
the Three in One to sing;
 and thus proclaim
 in joyful song,
 both loud and long,
 that glorious name.

Here may we gain from heaven
the grace which we implore;
and may that grace, once given,
be with us evermore,
 until that day
 when all the blest
 to endless rest
 are called away.

Words: Latin, trans. John Chandler (1806–76)
Tune: Harewood

Reading

The Revd Canon Tim Alban Jones, Vice Dean

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.'

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner', and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.'

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

I Peter 2: 2-10

Reflection

The Dean

Prayers of Penitence

You have invited us to be built as living stones into a spiritual house
and have promised us a place in the Father's House:
but we have built walls between us and spurned your invitation.

Lord have mercy

All Lord have mercy

You have called us a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
and shown us the way to your kingdom:
but we have chosen to go our own way and deny your call in us.

Christ have mercy

All Christ have mercy

You have chosen us to proclaim the mighty acts of him who called us out of darkness into his marvellous light:
but we have focussed on our own needs
and chosen darkness over light.

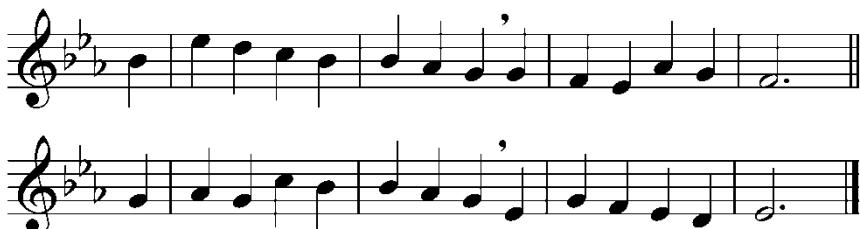
Lord have mercy
All Lord have mercy

Absolution

Jesus, our rock and never failing treasury of grace,
forgive the weak effort of all our hearts,
soothe our sorrows,
heal our wounds and drive away our fear.

Amen.

Hymn



How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our
wounds,
and drives away our fear.

Dear name! the rock on which I build,
my shield and hiding-place,
my never-failing treasury filled
with boundless stores of grace.

Jesus! my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,
my Prophet, Priest, and King,
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart,
and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.

Till then I would thy love proclaim
with every fleeting breath;
and may the music of thy name
refresh my soul in death.

Words: John Newton (1725–1807)
Tune: St Peter

Gospel John 14: 1-14

The Revd Canon Dr Rowan Williams, Precentor

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord
All Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection
The Dean

Anthem

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
Such a Way, as gives us breath:
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:
Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, My Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a Light, as shows a feast:
Such a Feast, as mends in length:
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
Such a Joy, as none can move:
Such a Love, as none can part:
Such a Heart, as joys in love.

Words: George Herbert (1593–1633)
Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

Prayers of Intercession

Lord, guide us that we may walk in your way, rejoice in your truth, and be kept for ever in the life which you give, which is eternal; through him who lived and died and rose again for us, Jesus Christ our Lord

**Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless his holy name;
bless the Lord my soul, who leads me into life**

Lord as you have called us to walk in your way, make us the people that you would have us be, guide us that we may do what you have us do, that we may reveal your truth and lead others into the fullness of life. Dispersed though we may be, make us a chosen people, a royal priesthood proclaiming in word and deed the mighty acts of him who has called us out of darkness into his marvellous light.

**Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless his holy name;
bless the Lord my soul, who leads me into life**

We pray for all in positions of authority in this and every land; for all struggling to express leadership, balance competing priorities and find a way forward in this time of trial. Be with all those engaged in medical research seeking cures and treatments and for those in finance, commerce and industry and for all those whose decisions affect the lives and livelihoods of so many.

**Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless his holy name;
bless the Lord my soul, who leads me into life**

We praise you for all who have enriched our lives, extended our vision, found new ways to build community, challenged our complacency, and led us to your truth. We pray for families and friends from whom we are separated, for colleagues and companions whose company we miss, for all those hidden people whose continuing and often hidden toil makes our lives possible.

**Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless his holy name;
bless the Lord my soul, who leads me into life**

We pray for all for all who are perplexed or confused, isolated or alone, in fear or doubt. For all who have lost their way or confidence in your truth; for all who are not at peace; for all who are stricken with grief or troubled in heart; for all we know who are sick or suffering; be with them and renew in them a trust in promises.

**Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless his holy name;
bless the Lord my soul, who leads me into life**

Lord Jesus you promised to prepare a place in your Father's house for all who walked your way. In your mercy, welcome into paradise all who have ended their life's journey; may they know your presence and your everlasting peace.

**Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless his holy name;
bless the Lord my soul, who leads me into life**

Lord's Prayer

All

**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.**

Eternal God
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way,
the truth and the life.
Grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and forever.
Amen.

Hymn



O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou for ever near me,
my Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my Guide.

O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
thou Guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my Friend.

O let me see thy footmarks,
and in them plant mine own;
my hope to follow duly
is in thy strength alone;
O guide me, call me, draw me,
uphold me to the end;
and then in heaven receive me,
my Saviour and my Friend.

Words: John Bode (1816–74)
Tune: Wolvercote

Blessing

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

Amen

Organ Voluntary: Grand Choeur

Charles John Grey (1849 -1923)

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