



# Midhurst Parish Church

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2021  
**10:30am Sunday Worship**

*A warm welcome to our service this morning. This service will go out live on Zoom. Meeting ID: 342 119 948*

## Welcome

Alleluia, Christ is Risen.

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

*Notices are given.*

## Song: Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;  
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,  
be thou ever with me, and I with thee Lord;  
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;  
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;  
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;  
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:  
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:  
be thou mine inheritance now and always;  
be thou and thou only the first in my heart;  
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright sun,  
O grant me its joys after victory is won;  
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

*Samuel Wolcott (1813-86)*

## Confession

*Words of introduction ending with...*

Let us return to the Lord our God and say to him:

**All Almighty God, long-suffering and of great goodness:  
I confess to you, I confess with my whole heart  
my neglect and forgetfulness of your commandments,  
my wrong doing, thinking, and speaking;  
the hurts I have done to others, and the good I have left undone.  
O God, forgive me, for I have sinned against you;  
and raise me to newness of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour forgive us our sins and make us holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

## A prayer before we read

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

All Amen.

## Bible reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

*Acts 10:44-end*

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

## Song: Beauty for Brokenness

1. Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair,  
Lord, in your suffering world this is our prayer:  
bread for the children, justice, joy, peace;  
sunrise to sunset, your kingdom increase!

2. Shelter for fragile lives, cures for their ills,  
work for the craftsman, trade for their skills;  
land for the dispossessed, rights for the weak,  
voices to plead the cause of those who can't speak.

*God of the poor,  
friend of the weak,  
give us compassion we pray:  
melt our cold hearts,  
let tears fall like rain;  
come, change our love  
from a spark to a flame.*

3. Refuge from cruel wars, havens from fear,  
cities for sanctuary, freedoms to share;  
peace to the killing-fields, scorched earth to green,  
Christ for the bitterness, his cross for the pain.

*God of the poor...*

4. Rest for the ravaged earth, oceans and streams  
plundered and poisoned - our future, our dreams.  
Lord, end our madness, carelessness, greed;  
make us content with the things that we need.

*God of the poor...*

5. Lighten our darkness, breathe on this flame  
until your justice burns brightly again;  
until the nations learn of your ways,  
seek your salvation and bring you their praise.

*God of the poor... x2*

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## Bible reading

A reading from the Gospel of John.

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

*John 15:9-17*

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God.

# Talk

## Song: A New Commandment

A new commandment I give unto you,  
that you love one another as I have loved you,  
that you love one another as I have loved you.

By this shall all know that you are my disciples,  
if you have love one for another.

By this shall all know that you are my disciples,  
if you have love one for another.

*Repeat.*

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## Prayers

*The following response may be used.*

In faith we pray.

**All** We pray to you, O God.

*Our Prayer for Growth*

**All** God of Mission, who alone brings growth to your Church, send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, and power to our witness. Help our church to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you, and in service to our local community, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The 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 sins 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.

## Song: Here is Love

1 Here is love vast as the ocean,  
loving kindness as the flood,  
when the Prince of life, our ransom,  
shed for us his precious blood.  
Who his love will not remember?  
Who can cease to sing his praise?  
He can never be forgotten  
throughout heaven's eternal days.

2 On the mount of crucifixion  
fountains opened deep and wide;  
through the floodgates of God's mercy  
flowed a vast and gracious tide.  
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,  
poured incessant from above;  
and heaven's peace and perfect justice  
kissed a guilty world in love.

**3** Through the years of human darkness,  
shone the lamp the prophets trimmed,  
making known redemption's story,  
of the love of God undimmed.  
Christ for every tongue and nation!  
All must come beneath his sway;  
his the everlasting kingdom  
that shall never pass away.

**4** When the stars shall fall from heaven,  
and the sun turn black as night,  
when the skies recede and vanish,  
and the elements ignite.  
Then the Son of Man in glory,  
coming as the Morning Star,  
shall return to claim his loved ones,  
gathered in from near and far.

*William Rees (1802 - 1883) Verses 1 and 2 translated by William Edwards (1848 - 1929)  
Verses 3 and 4 Richard Bewes (born 1934) © Richard Bewes/Jubilate Hymns Ltd.*

## Blessing

The Lord bless you and watch over you, the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord look kindly on you and give you peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**All** Amen.

## Sending out

We go into the world to walk in God's light, to rejoice in God's love,  
and to reflect God's glory.

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

**All** Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Thank you for worshipping with us today.**

*Next Sunday: 10:30am Holy Communion. Please book online to attend in person.  
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