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18<sup>th</sup> May 2025

10:00 Parish Communion

**The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Blended Worship



May Charity of the Month: **Christian Aid**



# The prayer for The Green Howards Regiment

Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we give thanks for the service of The Green Howards Regiment  
which bore the symbol of your cross  
and whose sacrifice is commemorated in our Regimental Chapel.

Today, may your inspiration and protection  
be with The Royal Yorkshire Regiment,  
that it may protect the weak and vulnerable  
and serve the cause of liberty and truth.

We ask this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Prince of Peace and Saviour of all.

**All**      **Amen.**



## Opening Hymn: Alleluia! Alleluia!

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1. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Hearts to heaven and voices raise;  
sing to God a hymn of gladness,  
sing to God a hymn of praise:  
he who on the cross a victim  
for the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,  
now is risen from the dead.





## Opening Hymn: Alleluia! Alleluia!

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2. Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits  
of the holy harvest field,  
which will all its full abundance  
at his second coming yield;  
then the golden ears of harvest  
will their heads before him wave,  
ripened by his glorious sunshine,  
from the furrows of the grave.



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3. Christ is risen, we are risen;  
shed upon us heavenly grace,  
rain, and dew, and gleams of glory  
from the brightness of thy face;  
that we, with our hearts in heaven,  
here on earth may fruitful be,  
and by angel-hands be gathered,  
and be ever, Lord, with thee.



## Opening Hymn: Alleluia! Alleluia!

4. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Glory be to God on high;  
Alleluia to the Saviour,  
who has gained the victory;  
Alleluia to the Spirit,  
fount of love and sanctity;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
to the Triune Majesty.

Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885)





## The Gathering

**All** The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

## The Greeting

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



## Prayers of Penitence

In baptism we died with Christ,  
so that as Christ was raised from the dead,  
we might walk in newness of life.  
Let us receive new life in him  
as we confess our sins in penitence and faith.



## Prayers of Penitence

**All** Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name.  
Amen.



# Absolution

May the God of love and power,  
forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

**All**    **Amen.**



# Gloria in Excelsis

**All**      **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.**



## **Gloria in Excelsis**

**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

Let us pray.

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.

**All**     **Amen.**



# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## Readings

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (11:1-18 NRSV)

The apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup>saying, ‘Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?’ <sup>4</sup>Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup>‘I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me.



# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## Readings

<sup>6</sup>As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>I also heard a voice saying to me, “Get up, Peter; kill and eat.” <sup>8</sup>But I replied, “By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.” <sup>9</sup>But a second time the voice answered from heaven, “What God has made clean, you must not call profane.” <sup>10</sup>This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup>At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup>The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house.



# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## Readings

<sup>13</sup>He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, “Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup>he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.” <sup>15</sup>And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, “John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” <sup>17</sup>If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?’ <sup>18</sup>When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, ‘Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.’

**All** This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**



# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## Readings

A reading from the book of Revelation (21:1-6 NRSV)

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

‘See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them;

<sup>4</sup> he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away.’



# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## Readings

<sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' <sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

This is the word of the Lord

**All**      **Thanks be to God**





## Second Hymn: A New Commandment

HON 4

*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.*

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



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that you love one another  
as I have loved you.*

2. You are my friends  
if you do what I command you.  
Without my help you can do nothing.  
You are my friends  
if you do what I command you.  
Without my help you can do nothing.



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I give unto you:  
that you love one another  
as I have loved you,  
that you love one another  
as I have loved you.*

3. I am the true vine,  
my Father is the gard'ner.  
Abide in me: I will be with you.  
I am the true vine,  
my Father is the gard'ner.  
Abide in me: I will be with you.



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I give unto you:  
that you love one another  
as I have loved you,  
that you love one another  
as I have loved you.*

4. True love is patient,  
not arrogant or boastful;  
love bears all things, love is eternal.  
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not arrogant or boastful;  
love bears all things, love is eternal.

v. 1: unknown, based on John 13:34-35  
vs. 2-4: Aniceto Nazareth, based on John 15  
and 1 Corinthians 13



# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## Gospel Reading

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (13:31-35)

**All**      **Glory to you, O Lord.**

During the supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, ‘Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, “Where I am going, you cannot come.” <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.’

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





Sermon

The Revd Canon Martin Fletcher



# The Creed

**All** We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.



# The Creed

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**



# The Creed

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**



# Intercessions



**All** Lord, in your mercy  
hear our prayer.

**All** Merciful Father,  
accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.



# The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you'.

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord  
be always with you  
**and also with you.**

**All**



## Hymn at preparation: Love Is His Word

HON 322

1. Love is his word, love is his way,  
feasting with all, fasting alone,  
living and dying, rising again,  
love, only love, is his way.

*Richer than gold is the love of my Lord:  
better than splendour and wealth.*

2. Love is his way, love is his mark,  
sharing his last Passover feast,  
Christ at the table, host to the twelve,  
love, only love, is his mark.
3. Love is his mark, love is his sign,  
bread for our strength, wine for our joy,  
'This is my body, this is my blood.'  
Love, only love, is his sign.





## Hymn at preparation: Love Is His Word

HON 322

4. Love is his sign, love is his news,  
'Do this,' he said, 'lest you forget  
all my deep sorrow, all my dear blood.'  
Love, only love, is his news.

*Richer than gold is the love of my Lord:  
better than splendour and wealth.*

5. Love is his news, love is his name,  
we are his own, chosen and called,  
family, brethren, cousins and kin.  
Love, only love, is his name.



## Hymn at preparation: Love Is His Word

**HON 322**

6. Love is his name, love is his law,  
hear his command, all who are his,  
'Love one another, I have loved you.'  
Love, only love, is his law.

*Richer than gold is the love of my Lord:  
better than splendour and wealth.*

7. Love is his law, love is his word:  
love of the Lord, Father and Word,  
love of the Spirit, God ever one,  
love, only love, is his word.

Luke Connaughton (1917-1979) alt.



## Preparation of the Table

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,  
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;  
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All** **All things come from you,  
and of your own do we give you.**

Be present, be present,  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
our risen high priest;  
make yourself known in the breaking of bread.

**All** **Amen.**



# The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

**All His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
almighty and eternal Father,  
and in these days of Easter  
to celebrate with joyful hearts  
the memory of your wonderful works.



For by the mystery of his passion  
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,  
has conquered the powers of death and hell  
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.  
He has placed them once more in paradise  
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.  
And so, in the joy of this Passover,  
earth and heaven resound with gladness,  
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation  
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:



**All** Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;



who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.



Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith.

**All**

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**





Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit,  
inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.



Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

**All**    **Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever.  
Amen.**



# The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.



## Breaking of the Bread

**All** Lord, we died with you on the cross.  
**Now we are raised to new life.**

We were buried in your tomb.  
**All** **Now we share in your resurrection.**  
Live in us, that we may live in you.

## Agnus Dei

**All** Jesus, Lamb of God,  
have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
grant us peace.



## Giving of Communion

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**All** Therefore let us keep the feast.

Alleluia.



# Communion Hymn: Bread of Heaven, On Thee We Feed

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1. Bread of heaven, on thee we feed,  
for thy flesh is meat indeed;  
ever may our souls be fed  
with this true and living bread;  
day by day with strength supplied  
through the life of him who died.
2. Vine of heaven, thy blood supplies  
this blest cup of sacrifice;  
Lord, thy wounds our healing give,  
to thy cross we look and live:  
Jesus, may we ever be  
grafted, rooted, built in thee.

Josiah Conder (1789-1855)



## Prayers after Communion

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 for ever.

**All**    **Amen.**



## Prayers after Communion

**All** Faithful God,  
in baptism you have adopted us as your children,  
made us members of the body of Christ  
and chosen us as inheritors of your kingdom:  
we thank you that in this Eucharist  
you renew your promises within us,  
empower us by your Spirit to witness and to serve,  
and send us out as disciples of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.







Notices

**Final Hymn: O Jesus, I have promised**

- 1. 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.**



**Final Hymn: O Jesus, I have promised**

- 2. O let me feel thee near me:  
the world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
the tempting sounds I hear;  
my foes are ever near me,  
around me and within;  
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer,  
and shield my soul from sin.**



## Final Hymn: O Jesus, I have promised

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3. 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.



**Final Hymn: O Jesus, I have promised**

- 4. 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.**



## Final Hymn: O Jesus, I have promised

5. O let me see thy foot-marks,  
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.

J. E. Bode (1816-1874)



## Blessing

May Christ,  
who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future,  
fill you with his new life;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**All Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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



