

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 2021
ALL SAINTS WITLEY: LITURGY OF THE WORD



The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

HYMN

All hail the power of Jesu's name;
let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem
to crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,
who from his altar call;
praise him whose way of pain ye trod,
and crown him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
ye ransomed of the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all.

Let every tribe and every tongue
to him their hearts enthrall,
lift high the universal song
and crown him Lord of all.

COLLECT

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins.

We have lived by our own strength, and not by the power of your resurrection.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes, as faithless and not believing.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

We have lived for this world alone, and doubted our home in heaven.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

New Testament Reading: Acts 1. 15 – 17, 21 – 26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.'

'So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Gospel: John 17. 6 – 19

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

SERMON Ruth Gill

HYMN

The head that once was crowned with thorns
is crowned with glory now:
a royal diadem adorns
the mighty Victor's brow.

The highest place that heaven affords
is his, is his by right,
the King of kings, and Lord of lords,
and heaven's eternal Light;

The joy of all who dwell above,
the joy of all below,
to whom he manifests his love,
and grants his name to know.

To them the cross, with all its shame,
with all its grace, is given:
their name, an everlasting name,
their joy, the joy of heaven.

They suffer with their Lord below,
they reign with him above;
their profit and their joy to know
the mystery of his love.

The cross he bore is life and health,
though shame and death to him;
his people's hope, his people's wealth,
their everlasting theme.

PRAYERS

Let us pray for the Church and for the world and thank God for his love.

Grant that the Church, entrusted with the words of truth, shall be obedient to her charge and make them known with zeal and faithfulness. Grant that we may live our lives fully in the world, serving its people but not conformed to its ways when they are contrary to our calling as citizens of heaven.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Bless the world in which and for which Christ died and rose again. Give to those in authority the wisdom to know that the world where they have power is not the whole reality, and the grace to use their power for the benefit of those they govern.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Protect from all evil our families, friends and neighbours and let them be sanctified as Christ sanctified himself for those he called his friends. May all in our community be guided by the words of truth.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for those whose faith or passion for justice makes them hated and persecuted. Bless and strengthen all who have received the words of Christ and sacrificed safety and comfort in their service.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for all who heard the gospel and lived and died in its faith. May their joy be complete in the presence of the Lord who has prepared the way for them.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

May our prayers be accepted through Christ, whose name is our protection. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

We are the Body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

The Peace of the risen Christ be always with you
and also with you.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

HYMN

Hail the day that sees him rise, *Alleluia*,
to his throne above the skies; *Alleluia*,
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, *Alleluia*,
enters now the highest heaven. *Alleluia!*

Lo, the heaven its Lord receives,
yet he loves the earth he leaves;
though returning to his throne,
still he calls mankind his own.

Still for us he intercedes,
his prevailing death he pleads;
near himself prepares our place,
he the first-fruits of our race.

Lord, though parted from our sight,
far above the starry height,
grant our hearts may thither rise,
seeking thee above the skies.

NOTICES

BLESSING

May God give you his comfort and his peace,
his light and his joy,
in this world and the next;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

We are raised to new life with Christ.
Go in his peace. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Piano Voluntary

