



The Cenacle – traditional site of the Upper Room in Jerusalem

Online Service for
24 May 2020
Easter 7



We are in between times - Ascension and Pentecost. The disciples are waiting together in a room – a bit like a first century lockdown – as they have been instructed to do so by Jesus. They are waiting for the coming of the Spirit, as are we in these nine days.

Opening Voluntary

Our opening voluntary is Nimrod, from the Enigma Variations by Edward Elgar. Click on <https://youtu.be/kZEKkkkKdr8> to listen before the service begins.

Welcome

Light a candle to begin, and pray that your heart will be ready to receive God's Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Our service begins as it normally would at 9.30am. Please click on the link, and make the responses yourself. If you would like to sing along to the hymn the words are below. <https://youtu.be/A-oR1-0JHz4>

**Hail the day that sees him rise. Alleluia!
Glorious to his native skies; Alleluia!
Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluia!
Enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!**

**There the glorious triumph waits; Alleluia!
Lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluia!
Christ hath vanquished death and sin; Alleluia!
Take the King of glory in. Alleluia!**

**Lord, though parted from our sight, Alleluya!
Far above yon azure height, Alleluya!
Grant our hearts may thither rise, Alleluya!
Seeking thee beyond the skies. Alleluya!**

Priest ✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen

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

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

Confessing our sins

We have not always lived our lives as we should have done. We have done wrong and hurt others. Let's recall our sins and seek God's forgiveness. We pray together:

**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.**

The priest will give the absolution, and we respond **Amen.**

The Gloria

Let's praise God's glory. Please join in singing with Jonathan

**Glory be to God in heaven,
peace to those who love him well;
on the earth let all his people
speak his grace, his wonders tell:
Lord, we praise you for your glory,
mighty Father, heaven's king;
hear our joyful adoration
and accept the thanks we bring.**

**Only Son of God the Father,
Lamb who takes our sin away,
now with him in triumph seated—
for your mercy, Lord, we pray:
Jesus Christ, most high and holy,
Saviour, you are God alone
in the glory of the Father
with the Spirit: Three-in-One!**

The priest prays the Collect – the prayer for the day

Bible Readings

David will read the first reading: Acts 1: 6-14.

We stand for the Gospel of the Day, which is John 17.1-11.

Homily

Mthr Helen preaches on the disciples in the upper room.

The link is here [https://youtu.be/ Qn4HwSzz6M](https://youtu.be/Qn4HwSzz6M)

Let's remind ourselves of the beliefs of the Christian faith.

All **We believe in God the Father,**
 from whom every family
 in heaven and on 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 Prayers

Mary leads us in prayer. Here's the link <https://youtu.be/qASmKsHMOz8>

The Peace, followed by the Consecration

Let's share the peace! Click on the link for the next part of the service https://youtu.be/6iFs_dmvhyM. As the altar is prepared, we sing our offertory 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 heav'n affords
is his, is his by right,
the King of kings and Lord of lords,
and heav'n'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 giv'n;
their name an everlasting name,
their joy the joy of heav'n.**

**They suffer with the Lord below,
they reign with him above;
their profit and their joy to know
the myst'ry 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.**

Priest The Lord be with you
All And also with you.

Priest Lift up your hearts.
All We lift them to the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All It is right to give thanks and praise.

The Acclamation:

Priest Great is the mystery of faith.
**All Christ has died. Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.**

The Sanctus and Benedictus (Sanctus means 'holy', Benedictus means 'blessed'):

**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.**

The Agnus Dei (which means 'Lamb of God')

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
Grant us peace.**

This is a prayer for you to say at the point at which you would be receiving the bread and wine. You are making a spiritual communion in place of a sacramental communion, as that is not possible at this time.

All In union, O Lord with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live and die in your love.
Amen.

Song

*Josh sings for us the song **There is a Redeemer** <https://youtu.be/Gf-eQ4cA81M>*

**There is a Redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son.
Precious Lamb of God,
Messiah, Holy One.**

*Thank you, O my Father,
for giving us your Son;
and sending your Spirit
till the work on earth is done.*

**Jesus, my Redeemer,
name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
O for sinners slain.**

**When I stand in glory,
I will see his face,
and there I'll serve my King forever,
in that holy place.**

The Blessing and Regina Coeli

Please click on this link for the end of the service <https://youtu.be/9wzeGTBZYuA>

If you would like to sing along with the Regina Coeli, please do! Regina coeli means 'Queen of Heaven' and is sung in Eastertide. In it we rejoice with Mary in the resurrection of her son Jesus.

All Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven. Alleluia!
He whom Thou wast meet to bear. Alleluia!
As He promised hath arisen. Alleluia!
Pour for us to God thy prayer. Alleluia!

Priest Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia:
All For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.

Jonathan's closing voluntary, is JS Bach's Toccata in D Minor <https://youtu.be/P42oFlK4wTU>

We normally have refreshments after the service, so why not make a cup of tea or coffee, and ring someone you know from church for a chat?