Easter 7 Service

Welcome:

Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Christ has ascended on high

**He reigns for ever. Alleluia.**

Lift up your hearts

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

Today is the Sunday after the ascension of Jesus, when Jesus went into heaven to take his throne. It is an event that is full of significance for us.

The psalmist cries out,

Clap your hands, all you nations;

Shout to God with cries of joy.

How awesome is the Lord Most High

The great King over all the earth!

God has ascended amid shouts of joy,

The Lord amid the sounding of trumpets.

Sing praises to our King, sing praises.

For God is the King of all the earth;

He is greatly exalted.

Let us sing out and praise the name of our Lord Jesus

who has ascended and is crowned King eternal

Opening hymn: Crown Him with many crowns

Crown Him with many crowns,

The Lamb upon His throne;

Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns

All music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing

Of Him who died for thee,

And hail Him as thy chosen King

Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Son of God

Before the worlds began

And ye who tread where He hath trod

Crown Him the Son of Man

Who every grief hath known

That wrings the human breast

And takes and bears them for His own

That all in Him may rest.

Crown Him the Lord of life

Who triumphed o’er the grave

And rose victorious in the strife

For those He came to save

His glories now we sing

Who died and rose on high

Who died eternal life to bring

And lives that death may die

Crown Him the Lord of heaven

Enthroned in worlds above

Crown him the King to whom is given

The wondrous name of love

All hail, Redeemer, hail

For Thou hast died for me

Thy praise shall never never fail

Throughout eternity

Confession:

Seeing we have a great high priest who has passed into the heavens;

Let us draw near with a true heart, in full assurance of faith,

And make our confession to our heavenly Father.

**O King enthroned on high,**

**Filling the earth with your glory:**

**Holy is your name.**

**Lord God almighty,**

**In our sinfulness we cry to you**

**To take our guilt away,**

**And to cleanse our lips to speak your word,**

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the Father forgive us

By the death of his Son

And strengthen us to live

in the power of the Spirit all our days. **Amen.**

Reading: John 17:1-5

The hour has come:

Hymn: There is a higher throne

There is a higher throne

Than all this world has known,

Where faithful ones from every tongue

Will one day come.

Before the Son we’ll stand,

Made faultless through the Lamb;

Believing hearts find promised grace:

Salvation comes.

*Hear heaven’s voices sing,*

*Their thunderous anthem rings*

*Through emerald courts and sapphire skies,*

*Their praises rise.*

*All glory, wisdom, power,*

*Strength, thanks and honour are*

*To God our King who reigns on high*

*For ever more.*

And there we’ll find our home,

Our life before the throne;

We’ll honour Him in perfect song

Where we belong.

He’ll wipe each tear stained eye,

As thirst and hunger die;

The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King:

We’ll reign with Him.

*Chorus*

Reading: Acts 1:6-12

Address:

Prayers:

As we come together to pray at this time between Ascension and Pentecost,

we join with others world wide to pray ‘Thy Kingdom come’.

As we pray, the response to:

‘Risen and Ascended Lord, come among us’ is ‘Fill us with your glory’.

## Risen and Ascended Lord, come among us

# Fill us with your glory

Risen and Ascended Lord, you are the King of kings.

We pray for the time when the kingdoms of this world will be seen as your Kingdom.

We ask your blessing upon all rulers, leaders and politicians,

that they may be guided by you, especially at this time of the Covid 19 pandemic.

May they make wise decisions for easing lockdown

and returning to work for some people.

May we all abide by the limitations on our lives,

and use our time to know and serve you more.

## Risen and Ascended Lord, come among us

# Fill us with your glory

Lord Jesus Christ,

we give thanks that you are always with us.

Your Holy Spirit’s presence transforms our homes,

relationships and communities.

We bring before you the needs of our families, friends and community,

for those who are living alone, feeling isolated,

for families feeling the stress of always being together,

working from home and home schooling,

for those suffering from abusive relationships.

May they be aware of your peaceful presence.

We thank you for the opportunities to help others,

and to get to know one another more.

## Risen and Ascended Lord, come among us

# Fill us with your glory

Merciful Father,

we come to you with all those who are feeling low at this time,

for those who are ill, either at home, hospital, hospice or care home.

In a moment of quiet we can name them before God now. . . . .

We pray for all who care for them

and for protection for carers at this time,

may they all be aware of your peace, love and healing touch.

## Risen and Ascended Lord, come among us

# Fill us with your glory

Risen and Ascended Lord,

you have opened for us the gate of glory.

We pray for all who are bereaved,

especially at this time when they are not able to gather to say goodbye

or to be comforted by others as they would like and need.

We also pray for those who seek to help and comfort them,

particularly clergy, funeral directors and crematorium staff.

May all be comforted, surrounded and upheld in your loving arms.

## Risen and Ascended Lord, come among us

# Fill us with your glory

Loving God,

thank you for your love from which nothing can separate us

and which does not depend on our efforts.

Please reveal this love and the peace it brings

in the lives of those we know

who as yet do not know you.

Help us to grow in confidence

to show and tell of your love for us all.

## Risen and Ascended Lord, come among us

# Fill us with your glory

We draw our prayers to a close with the prayer our Lord taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread**

**and forgive us our trespasses**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us**

**And lead us not into temptation**

**but deliver us from evil**

**For thine is the kingdom**

**the power and the glory**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

Closing Hymn:

In Christ alone my hope is found,

He is my light, my strength, my song;

This cornerstone, this solid ground,

Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace,

When fears are stilled, and strivings cease!

My comforter, my all in all,

Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone – who took on flesh,

Fullness of God in helpless Babe!

This gift of love and righteousness,

Scorned by the ones he came to save

Till on that cross as Jesus died,

The wrath of God was satisfied,

For every sin on Him was laid;

Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,

Light of the world by darkness slain,

Then, bursting forth in glorious day,

Up from the grave he rose again!

And as He stands in victory

Sin’s curse has lost its grip on me,

For I am His and He is mine –

Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,

This is the power of Christ in me;

From life’s first cry to final breath,

Jesus commands my destiny.

No power of hell, no scheme of man

Can ever pluck me from His hand;

Till he returns or calls me home,

Here in the power of Christ I’ll stand!

Blessing:

Christ our ascended King

Pour upon you the abundance of his gifts

And bring you to reign with him in glory.

And the blessing of God almighty,

The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit

Be with you this day and for ever more. **Amen.**