**Sunday 24th May**

**Notices**

**Preparation**

O Lord, open our lips

*All*  **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise**

Give us the joy of your saving help

***All*  and sustain us with your life-giving Spirit.**

***Hymn –*** *In Christ alone*

We have come together in the name of Christ to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive God’s holy word, to pray for the needs of the world, and to seek the forgiveness of our sins, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to the service of God.

**Collect**

O God the king of glory

You have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ

With great triumph to your kingdom in heaven

We beseech you, leave us not comfortless,

But send your Holy Spirit to comfort us. and exalt us to the place where our saviour Christ is gone before.

Who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit One God, now and forever.

**Confession**

Jesus says, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.’ So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

*All*   **Lord God,**

**we have sinned against you;**

**we have done evil in your sight.**

**We are sorry and repent.**

**Have mercy on us according to your love.**

**Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.**

**Renew a right spirit within us**

**and restore us to the joy of your salvation;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the Father of all mercies cleanse *you* from *your* sins, and restore *you* in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *All*   **Amen.**

Blessed is the Lord,

*All*   **for he has heard the voice of our prayer;**

therefore shall our hearts dance for joy

*All*   **and in our song will we praise our God.**

Blessed are you, Lord our God, creator and redeemer of all; to you be glory and praise for ever. From the waters of chaos you drew forth the world and in your great love fashioned us in your image. Now, through the deep waters of death, you have brought your people to new birth by raising your Son to life in triumph. May Christ your light ever dawn in our hearts as we offer you our sacrifice of thanks and praise. Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

*All*   **Blessed be God for ever.**

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept.*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and forever.

*All*   **Amen.**

**The Word of God**

**First Reading** – Acts 1:6-14

This is the word of the Lord

*All* **Thanks be to God**

**Hymn** – As the deer

**2nd Reading** – John 17:1-11

This is the word of the Lord

*All* **Thanks be to God**

**The Sermon**

***Hymn*** *Be Still*

*We say the creed together*

*All*   **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Intercessions**

As the leader says ‘Lord, hear us’ please respond with **‘Lord, graciously hear us.’**

Lord, hear us,  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, 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.**

**Hymn – great is thy faithfulness**

**The Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

*All*   **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

*All*   **Thanks be to God.**