



## Worship with Communion

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – Companion Diocese Sunday

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**Welcome! We're glad you chose to worship with us today!**

### ♪ **Christ for the World! We Sing**

Christ for the world! we sing; The world to Christ we bring with loving zeal;  
the poor and them that mourn, the faint and overborne,  
sin-sick and sorrow-worn, for Christ to heal.

Christ for the world! we sing; The world to Christ we bring with fervent prayer;  
the wayward and the lost, by restless passion tossed,  
redeemed at countless cost from dark despair.

Christ for the world! we sing; The world to Christ we bring with one accord;  
with us the work to share, with us reproach to dare,  
with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.

Christ for the world! we sing; The world to Christ we bring with joyful song;  
the newborn souls, whose days, reclaimed from error's ways,  
inspired with hope and praise, to Christ belong.

Words: Samuel Wolcott, 1869. Music: *MOSCOW/ITALIAN HYMN*, Felice de Giardini, 1769.

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*People* Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

*Celebrant* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from  
you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the  
inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and  
worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

*People* AMEN!

### ♪ **Gloria, Gloria**

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

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*Celebrant* Today we celebrate the relationship between our diocese, the Diocese of Fond du Lac in The Episcopal Church and our companion diocese, the Diocese of Masvingo in the Anglican Church of Zimbabwe. Both are part of the global Anglican Communion, rooted in the Church of England. A companion relationship helps strengthen the Anglican Communion and strengthen one another.

The Republic of Zimbabwe is a landlocked country with a population over 16 million. There are sixteen official languages spoken, with English being one of the primary languages, used for education and legal systems. Drought and erratic rainfall, a ruined infrastructure, and an economy in collapse mean millions of people still can't grow enough food to survive. Until food insecurity is properly addressed, outbreaks of diseases will continue to claim lives.

The high prevalence of HIV (about 14% of the population) is a key barrier to development. About 70% of the population rely on farming for their livelihoods, but HIV-related illnesses prevent them from working. Zimbabwe has the highest rate of HIV orphans in the world, with one in four children having lost one or both parents to the disease.

The Diocese of Masvingo is located in the southeast corner of Zimbabwe, bordering South Africa and Mozambique. Masvingo is the fifth and newest diocese in Zimbabwe, established in 2001. The Right Reverend Godfrey Tawonezi is the first Anglican Bishop of Masvingo, consecrated October 2002. Bishop Godfrey helps lead the diocese in serving the people of Zimbabwe through education and development. Let us pray.

*People* **O God, who created all peoples in your image, we thank you for the wonderful diversity of races and cultures in this world. Enrich our lives by the ever-widening circles of fellowship, thru our companion relationship with the Diocese of Masvingo in Zimbabwe and the Diocese of Fond du Lac in Wisconsin, USA. Help us to learn about each other to grow in love for each other. And show us your presence in those who differ most from us, and allow us to learn from each other with open hearts and minds; through Christ our lord. AMEN!**

## First Lesson

*Reader* A reading of Acts chapter 1, verses 15 through 17 and 21 through 26.

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) 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 during all 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.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## Unison Reading

*Reader* Let us read in unison Psalm 1.

*All* Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful! Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on this law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper. It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away. Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgement comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous. For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed.

## New Testament

*Reader* A reading of 1 John chapter 5, verses 9 through 13.

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life..

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel

John 17. 6-19

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*Celebrant* Jesus prayed for his disciples, "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.”

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **Sermon**

### **Nicene Creed**

*Celebrant* Let us join in the words of the Nicene 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. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped 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!

## Prayers of the People

*Reader* Living Christ, you are risen from the dead! Love reigns! You are life stronger than death. Raise our eyes to see you as the new day dawns.

We pray for the entire Body of Christ. We offer our joy that we celebrate your glorious resurrection with our brothers and sisters around the world. Envelop your people with a sense of your risen presence, today and always. For the household of faith, the church of the risen Christ, we pray:

*People* **Be with us and bless us, O God.**

*Reader* We pray for our nation. God of hope, teach us the difference between reaching down and reaching out. Guide the many of privilege who determine the destinies of others. Lead us not only to share our wealth, but to enter with hope into the poverty of those who do not share our good fortune. For our nation and for our common good, we pray:

*People* **Be with us and guide us, O God.**

*Reader* We pray for the whole world. God of creation you have given us a world of glorious diversity. Give us the eyes to see the beauty of your cosmic patchwork. Give us open hearts and the confidence to invite all into the bond of your love, that in unity with you, we may bring your peace and goodness and vision to all people. For the welfare of our world, we pray:

*People* **Be with us and unite us, O God.**

*Reader* We pray for this community. God who came to earth as one of us, help us see you in each member of this community. Bless the many gifts of our members and keep before us the image of the Servant Jesus, that joined with him we remain ready to kneel with basin and towel before each other and before those you continue to bring into our midst. For our community we pray:

*People* **Be with us and help us, O God.**

*Reader* We pray for all who suffer. God of compassion, open our hearts to bind and heal in your name. Bless all of those who ask our prayers, and give

us courage to learn the names of others. Be present, through us, to those who need your comfort. For all who suffer and struggle, we pray:

**People** **Be with us and heal us, O God.**

**Reader** We pray for all who have died. God who has loved us from before birth and God who loves us beyond the grave, we remember those who have died in the glorious hope of the resurrection, and we remember those who mourn, that they may be assured with that same hope. For all who have entered new life in Christ's resurrection, we pray:

**People** **Be with us and raise us, O God.**

**Reader** Receive our praise and thanks for all your blessings, and for other prayers we raise. For confidence to offer all our needs and concerns up to God, and for growing gratitude in all we receive, we pray:

**People** **Be with us and renew us, O God.**

**Reader** Glorious Lord of Life, we praise you, that by the wondrous resurrection of your Son, you have delivered us from sin and death and made your whole creation new; grant that we who celebrate with joy Christ's rising from the dead, may be raised from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever.

**All** **AMEN!**

**Reader** Let us confess our sins to God.

**All** **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. AMEN!**

**Celebrant** Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**People** **AMEN!**

*Celebrant* Let us join in prayer for all those who have celebrated or will be celebrating their birthdays.

*All* O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN!

*Celebrant* Let us join in prayer for all those who have celebrated or will be celebrating their anniversaries.

*All* O God, you teach us through the example of Jesus that love is the fulfilment of the Law; help those couples celebrating anniversaries to persevere in love, to grow in mutual understanding, and to deepen their trust in each other; that in wisdom, patience and courage, their life together may be a source of happiness to all with whom they share it. AMEN!

*Celebrant* To all of you celebrating milestones: May the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you to guide and protect you and all those you love, today and always!

*All* AMEN!

## **Passing the Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

## **Invitation to Communion**

*from the Iona Community, Scotland*

*Celebrant* The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; come.

## ♪ **God, May Your Justice Roll Down**

God, may your justice roll down like the waters you send here,  
And may your righteousness flow like a stream without end here!  
Praying this prayer, many have struggled and dared,  
All for the world you intend here.

Christ, we give thanks for past saints who renewed education,  
Freed the oppressed, brought your healing and fought segregation.  
Savior and Lord, great were the risks they endured,  
Bearing your hope and salvation.

We as your church now remember these stories of others  
And pray your Spirit will send us, as your sons and daughters.  
Show us the way we, too, can serve you each day  
Till justice rolls down like waters.

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## **Offering Our Gifts**

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*Celebrant* Inspire us to always share your love through action, O God:

*People* **Strengthen us to always be an inviting safe community for all.**

## **Great Thanksgiving**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son

Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

♪ **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord** Setting: from *Deutsche Mass*, Franz Schubert (1797-1828); arr Richard Proulx (b 1937).

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
 heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.  
 Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
 Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

*Celebrant* Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take. Eat. This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*People* **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

*All* **AMEN!**

*Celebrant* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now 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. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. AMEN!**

## **Breaking Bread**

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

## **♪ Lamb of God**

Setting: from *Deutsche Mass*, Franz Schubert (1797-1828); arr Richard Proulx (b 1937).

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:**

**give us your peace, give us your peace.**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The Celebrant gives the invitation to spiritual communion to all participating near and far.*

*People* In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being 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 beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself with you, and embrace you with all the love of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live in you, and may you live in me, both in this life and in the life to come. AMEN!

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. AMEN!

## **Blessing for Easter Season**

*Celebrant* As Christ burst forth from the tomb, may new life burst forth from us and show itself in acts of love and healing to a hurting world.

*People* Alleluia! AMEN!

*Celebrant* May Christ, who lives forever and is the source of our new life, keep your hearts rejoicing and grant you peace this day and always.

*People* Alleluia! AMEN!

*Celebrant* And the blessing of God, who Creates, Redeems, and Sustains, be upon you and all you love and pray for, this day and forever more.

*People* Alleluia! AMEN!

## ♪ **We Grieve the Many Thousands**

We grieve the many thousands — yet we can't understand;  
we cannot grasp how many have died throughout this land.  
We cannot see their faces or hear the stories told  
of all the ways they blessed us — the young ones and the old.

O God, we grieve the struggle of those who died alone —  
so far from friends and neighbors, from all they'd ever known.  
We grieve for precious people who could not say goodbye;  
we weep for those, now mourning, who sit alone and cry.

O God, we grieve for millions who now are unemployed  
who cannot feed their families — whose hope has been destroyed.  
We grieve that needed workers must worry for their health  
while some with lives of privilege stay home and build their wealth.

O God of love and mercy, we cry to you, "How long?"  
In troubled times remind us: Your love is ever strong.  
Now as we grieve the suffering, Lord, show us how to be  
A healing, loving presence in each community.

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## **Sending**

*Celebrant* Go forth sharing the Good News of God's love! Alleluia, alleluia!

*People* Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

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