

**Sunday 18 May
Fifth Sunday of Easter**

All are welcome

**In one Spirit we were all baptised into one body
Jews or Gentiles,
slaves or free, indigenous people and later comers to this land...
The body does not consist of one member but of many.
If one member suffers, all suffer together with it;
if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.
We are the body of Christ and individually members of it.
Baptised by the Spirit, we claim our membership of the body of Christ**

HYMN CH4 481

Jesus is the name we honour;

Jesus is the name we praise.
Majestic Name above all other Names,
the highest heaven and earth proclaim
that Jesus is our God.

We will glorify,
we will lift Him high,
we will give Him honour and praise.
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Jesus is the name we worship;
Jesus is the name we trust.
He is the King above all other kings,
let all creation stand and sing
that Jesus is our God.

Jesus is the Father's splendour;
Jesus is the Father's joy.
He will return to reign in majesty,
and every eye at last will see
that Jesus is our God.

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PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

ALL AGE TIME

HYMN CH4 204

I am the church! You are the church!

We are the church together!

All who follow Jesus, all around the world!

Yes, we're the church together!

The church is not a building;
the church is not a steeple;
the church is not a resting place;
the church is a people.

We're many kinds of people,
with many kinds of faces,
all colours and all ages, too
from all times and places.

And when the people gather,
there's singing and there's praying;
there's laughing and there's crying sometimes,
all of it saying:

I count if I am ninety,
or nine or just a baby;
there's something I am sure about
And I don't mean maybe:

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Scripture 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptised by one Spirit so as to form one body – whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free – and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. And so the body is not made up of one part but of many. Now if the foot should say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,' it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. And if the ear should say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,' it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I don't need you!' And the head cannot say to the feet, 'I don't need you!' On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and the parts that we think are less honourable we treat with special honour. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honour to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

Luke 4:14-21

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him. He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. He began by saying to them, 'Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.'

HYMN

There is a higher throne

than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from ev'ry 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 thund'rous anthem rings
through emerald courts and
sapphire skies;
their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, pow'r,
strength, thanks and honour are to God,
our King, who reigns on high for ev-er-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.

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SERMON

HYMN CH4 511

Your hand, O God, has guided

Your flock, from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written,
full clear, on every page;
your people owned your goodness,
and we their deeds record;
and both of this bear witness,
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Your heralds brought glad tidings
to greatest as to least;
they summoned all to hasten
and share the great King's feast;
and this was all their teaching,
in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Through many a day of darkness,
through many a scene of strife,
the faithful few fought bravely
to guard the nation's life.
their Gospel of redemption,
sin pardoned, life restored,
was all in this enfolded,
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Your mercy will not fail us,
nor leave your work undone;
with your right hand to help us,
the victory shall be won;
by mortals and by angels,
Your Name shall be adored,
and this shall be their anthem;
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

HYMN CH4 738

Glorious things of thee are spoken,

Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for his own abode
On the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvations's walls surrounded,
Thou mayest smile at all thy foes.

See! the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters,
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
Ever will their thirst assuage –
grace which, like the Lord the Giver,
never fails from age to age?

Saviour, since of Zion's city
I through grace, a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy Name.
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,
and all boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure
none but Zion's children know.

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