

PRAYER IN THE HOME

EASTER 6: SUNDAY 17 MAY

PLUS: EVENING ZOOM MEET UP 7.00PM 17 MAY

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GATHERING

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Let us light a candle to remember that God is with us.

Jesus, speak to us:

And remind us of your great mercy.

Holy Spirit, come to us:

And bring us to new birth.

Father, receive our prayers:

And fill us with living hope.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God,

to whom all hearts are open,

all desires known,

and from whom no secrets are hidden:

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.

Amen.

COLLECT for Easter 6

Risen Christ,

by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:

help your Church to obey your command

and draw the nations to the fire of your love,

to the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

PSALM 67

¹ May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face shine on us—

² **so that your ways may be known on earth,
your salvation among all nations.**

³ May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.

⁴ **May the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you rule the peoples with equity
and guide the nations of the earth.**

⁵ May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.

⁶ **The land yields its harvest;
God, our God, blesses us.**

⁷ May God bless us still,
so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

MOTET *If ye love me* by Thomas Tallis

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eqt005j1dB0>

BIBLE READING John 14.15-21

¹⁵ "If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.

²⁰ On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.

²¹ Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them."

SERMON Rev Ann Brodie: <https://stbcc.co.uk/sermons>

Questions:

1. How would you like to be remembered:
what do you want your legacy to be?
2. What changes might you need to make to achieve this?
3. What kind of church do you want to leave for the next generation?

INTERCESSIONS & CLOSING PRAYER

Let us pray to God,
who alone makes us dwell in safety:

For all who are affected by coronavirus,
through illness or isolation or anxiety,
that they may find relief and recovery:

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who are guiding our nation at this time,
and shaping national policies, that they may make wise decisions:
Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For doctors, nurses and medical researchers,
that through their skill and insights
many will be restored to health:

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the vulnerable and the fearful,
for the gravely ill and the dying,
that they may know your comfort and peace:

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,
to the mercy and protection of God.

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

Trusting in the compassion of God,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.

The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself,
the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service,
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts.