

**Sunday 25 May**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

## **All are welcome**

### **Call to Worship**

Holy Risen One,  
**we gather this day**  
**and we come as we are:**  
with what faith we have,  
yet yearning to know you more.

**Accept all we bring before you today.**  
**Accept our worship, we pray.**

### **HYMN**

**Though the nations rage,**  
**kingdoms rise and fall,**

there is still one King reigning over all.  
So, I will not fear for this truth remains:  
that my God is the Ancient of Days.

*None above Him, none before Him.*  
*All of time in His hands.*  
*For His throne, it shall remain and ever stand.*  
*All the power, all the glory, I will trust in His name.*  
*For my God is the Ancient of days.*

Though the dread of night overwhelms my  
soul,  
He is here with me. I am not alone,  
O, His love is sure and He knows my name.  
For my God is the Ancient of Days.

Though I may not see what the future brings,  
I will watch and wait for the Saviour King.  
Then, my joy complete, standing face to face  
in the presence of the Ancient of Days.

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**PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER**

## HYMN

### **Anything excited, anything inspired**

bring it all, bring it all to me  
everything that's lazy, everything that's tired  
bring it all, bring it all to me

Anything that rages, anything that screams  
bring it all, bring it all to me  
everything that wonders, everything that dreams  
bring it all, bring it all to me

You can bring me anything  
you can bring me everything  
just bring it all, bring it all to me

Anything that's easy, anything that's hard  
bring it all, bring it all to me  
everything that's perfect, everything that's  
scarred  
bring it all, bring it all to me

Anything you're proud of, anything you're not  
bring it all, bring it all to me  
everything you're hiding, everything you've  
got  
bring it all, bring it all to me

I know how you feel, because I know you  
I know how you feel, because I made you

Anything that matters, anything that's real  
bring it all, bring it all to me  
everything you treasure, everything you feel  
bring it all, bring it all to me

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## HYMN CH4 159

### **Lord, for the years**

your love has kept and guided,  
urged and inspired us,  
cheered us on our way,  
sought us and saved us,  
pardoned and provided,  
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word,  
the Word of life which fires us,  
speaks to our hearts  
and sets our souls ablaze,  
teaches and trains,  
rebukes us and inspires us,  
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

Lord, for our land, in this our generation,  
spirits oppressed  
by pleasure, wealth and care;  
for young and old,  
for commonwealth and nation,  
Lord of our land,  
be pleased to hear our prayer.

## ALL AGE TIME

Lord, for our world;  
when we disown and doubt Him,  
loveless in strength,  
and comfortless in pain;  
hungry and helpless,  
lost indeed without Him,  
Lord of the world,  
we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord, for ourselves;  
in living power remake us,  
self on the cross  
and Christ upon the throne;  
past put behind us,  
for the future take us,  
Lord of our lives,  
to live for Christ alone.

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## **SCRIPTURE Galatians 2:11-21 The Message**

Later, when Peter came to Antioch, I had a face-to-face confrontation with him because he was clearly out of line. Here's the situation. Earlier, before certain persons had come from James, Peter regularly ate with the non-Jews. But when that conservative group came from Jerusalem, he cautiously pulled back and put as much distance as he could manage between himself and his non-Jewish friends. That's how fearful he was of the conservative Jewish clique that's been pushing the old system of circumcision. Unfortunately, the rest of the Jews in the Antioch church joined in that hypocrisy so that even Barnabas was swept along in the charade.

But when I saw that they were not maintaining a steady, straight course according to the Message, I spoke up to Peter in front of them all: "If you, a Jew, live like a non-Jew when you're not being observed by the watchdogs from Jerusalem, what right do you have to require non-Jews to conform to Jewish customs just to make a favorable impression on your old Jerusalem buddies?"

We Jews know that we have no advantage of birth over "non-Jewish sinners." We know very well that we are not set right with God by rule-keeping but only through personal faith in Jesus Christ.

How do we know? We tried it—and we had the best system of rules the world has ever seen! Convinced that no human being can please God by self-improvement, we believed in Jesus as the Messiah so that we might be set right before God by trusting in the Messiah, not by trying to be good.

Have some of you noticed that we are not yet perfect? (No great surprise, right?) And are you ready to make the accusation that since people like me, who go through Christ in order to get things right with God, aren't perfectly virtuous, Christ must therefore be an accessory to sin? The accusation is frivolous. If I was "trying to be good," I would be rebuilding the same old barn that I tore down. I would be acting as a pretender.

What actually took place is this: I tried keeping rules and working my head off to please God, and it didn't work. So I quit being a "law man" so that I could be God's man. Christ's life showed me how, and enabled me to do it. I identified myself completely with him. Indeed, I have been crucified with Christ. My ego is no longer central. It is no longer important that I appear righteous before you or have your good opinion, and I am no longer driven to impress God. Christ lives in me. The life you see me living is not "mine," but it is lived by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I am not going to go back on that.

Is it not clear to you that to go back to that old rule-keeping, peer-pleasing religion would be an abandonment of everything personal and free in my relationship with God? I refuse to do that, to repudiate God's grace. If a living relationship with God could come by rule-keeping, then Christ died unnecessarily.

## **ALL AGE TIME**

## **HYMN CH4 528**

### **Make me a channel of Your peace.**

Where there is hatred let me bring Your love;  
where there is injury, Your pardon, Lord;  
and where there's doubt, true faith in You.

*Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek  
so much to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of Your peace.  
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope;  
where there is darkness, only light;  
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

Make me a channel of Your peace.  
It is in pardoning  
that we are pardoned,  
in giving of ourselves that we receive;  
and in dying  
that we're born to eternal life.

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## **ALL AGE TIME**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

### **HYMN**

#### **So we trust in the Lord, and we give him our hearts,**

*Leaning not on our understanding.  
And for all of our days, we'll submit our plans to God  
So then he will surely make all our paths straight.*

We will be like a tree planted by running streams,  
For whose roots spread throughout deepest waters,  
So we won't be afraid when a year of drought  
descends,  
For we'll bear plenty fruit in each season.

We commit to the Lord, all the goals of our lives,  
So that all of our plans he'll establish.  
If we ask anything that's consistent with his will,  
Then he'll do it to glorify Jesus.

Let us earnestly seek first the kingdom of  
God,  
And the just righteousness of our Father,  
For then all of these things will be added  
unto you,  
from our Father who knows all our  
longings.

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## **BENEDICTION**