

# Jesus Chose You 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter 9<sup>th</sup> may 2021

**Leader** God in Christ has revealed his glory.

**R1. Come let us worship.**

**L.** From the rising of the sun to its setting

**R1. the Lord's name is greatly to be praised.**

**L.** Give him praise, you servants of the Lord.

**R1. O praise the name of the Lord!**

**L.** Almighty God,

your Son has opened for us

a new and living way into your presence.

Give us new hearts and constant wills

to worship you in spirit and in truth;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**R1.** By the tender mercy of our God,

the dawn from on high will break upon us,

to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,

to guide our feet into the way of peace.' [Luke 1:78-79]

**Let us pray:**

**L.** Merciful God:

We come longing for light because our lives are crowded with shadows.

We come desperately needing direction.

Fill us this morning with your peace:

your spirit is our peace and our path.

Lord have Mercy .....

**R1. Lord have Mercy**

**R2,** If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples;

and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." [John 8:32]

**Let us pray:**

**Leader.** God of heaven and earth,

In this hour of worship,

help us to grasp the freedom that comes from seeing you more clearly,

loving you more dearly, and following you more nearly.

Day by day, give us strength and courage to be your people in this time, in this place.

Christ have Mercy .....

**R2, Christ have Mercy**

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**R1.** Jesus Christ is the head of the body, the church;  
he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,  
so that he might come to have first place in everything. . [Colossians 1:18-20:]

Let us pray:

**Leader.** Jesus, we come to worship today  
You are the firstborn of the dead,  
harbinger of hope in despair,  
bringer of light after a long season of darkness.  
Begin a new thing in us today,  
new ways of thinking,  
new ways of living,  
new ways of being a reconciling community.  
We pray this together as people of peace,  
as a people longing for peace, your peace,  
peace that passes understanding. Amen.  
Lord have Mercy .....

**R1. Lord have Mercy**

**Leader.** Almighty God,  
unto whom all hearts be open,  
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love thee,  
and worthily magnify thy holy name:  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Act of Penitence

**Leader.** Seek the Lord while he may be found,  
**call upon him while he is near.**  
Let the wicked abandon their ways  
**and the unrighteous their thoughts.**  
Turn back to the Lord, who will have mercy;  
**to our God who will richly pardon.**

**R2. 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.**

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

**L.** Blessed be the Lord,  
**R2.** who has heard the voice of our prayer.

**L.** Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy  
**R2.** and in our song will we praise our God.

**R1. Said Hymn,** Holy, holy, holy!

1) Holy, holy, holy!  
Lord God Almighty  
Early in the morning  
Our song shall rise to Thee

2). Holy, holy, holy!  
Merciful and mighty  
God in three persons  
Blessed Trinity!

3). Holy, holy, holy!  
Though the darkness hide thee  
Though the eye of sinful man  
Thy glory may not see  
Only Thou art holy  
There is none beside Thee  
Perfect in power, in love and purity

4). Holy, holy, holy!  
Lord God Almighty  
Oh thy works shall praise Thy name  
In earth and sky and sea

5). Holy, holy, holy!  
Merciful and mighty  
God in three persons  
Blessed Trinity  
Oh God in three persons  
Blessed Trinity!

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**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen**

## **Gloria**

**L.** Glory to God in the highest,  
And peace to his people on earth  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
Almighty God and Father.  
We worship you we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

**R1.** Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

**R2.** For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
**Amen.**

## *Today's collect and Readings*

### **R2.** *6th Sunday after Easter Collect*

God our redeemer,  
you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the  
kingdom of your Son:  
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,  
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

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**Reader1.** Acts 10: 44-48

While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.

Then Peter said, "Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptised with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have." So, he ordered that they be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Leader. Introduction**

**Reader2.** A Psalm.

1]. O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvellous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gained him victory.

2]. The LORD has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

3} He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

4]. Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

5]. Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

6]. With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

7]. Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

8]. Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy

9]. at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen**

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**Reader 1.** Hear the gospel of our Lord according to John; (John 15:9-17)  
As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

**This is the Gospel of the lord, Praise to you O Christ.**

**Leader. Reflection, followed by Prayers of Intercession**

Faithful God, your Son Jesus Christ gave us a new commandment, of love for each other and so we ask you to teach us to love you in our neighbours that by serving them we might also serve you.

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

**Reader 2.** In our Diocese we pray for Bishops David and Anne; and for all that whose life's work is to serve others. We pray for those who are ministering to us here at St Matthews during this interregnum,

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

**Reader 2.** Eternal God, we pray for the peace and for the unity of all. We pray for our Queen, for her Ministers, secular and spiritual, those called upon to Govern internationally, nationally and those who have recently been elected to govern locally,

Lord, in your Mercy: **L. Hear our Prayer**

**Reader 2.** Merciful father ,We pray for world leaders who bear the heavy responsibility of providing for their populations especially in countries where the Pandemic continues to rise out of control, give them wisdom to know what is best and the courage to make right decisions.

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

**Reader 1.** God of peace, help us to use our influence to bring peace and joy into people's lives. We pray for the community of Perry Beeches as they prepare to come out of lock down, may they have joy as they once again meet family and friends, but in a considerate and appropriate way,

Lord, in your Mercy: **L. Hear our Prayer**

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**Reader 1.** Lord of Unity, Just as the Holy spirit poured over those who were different in our reading from Acts, we bring to you all the People of different Nationalities, Creeds and Faiths who live in our City, may your spirit of unity and inclusivity come down on all those who live and visit the places we live. Lord, in your Mercy: **L. Hear our Prayer**

**Reader 1** Caring God, we pray for those who are suffering; for those trying to cope with difficult housing; those who are abused at home, those that have no home to go to, those who are suffering from addiction, those struggling with debt and unemployment. Lord, in your Mercy: **L. Hear our Prayer**

**Reader 1** Loving God we remember this morning those who are sick at home, in hospital and in care homes and those who are brave and patient when things are going wrong.; we bring before you the lonely, the frail and the Isolated. In your great mercy bring them comfort, relief and reassurance that you are always with them in all their troubles.

In a moment of quietness, we name in our hearts those we know or love who are ill at this time.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

**Leader,** We pray for The named Sick and Those in Need and those mentioned on our parish news

May Christ bring Them wholeness of body, mind and spirit  
Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Merciful God, your love reaches beyond the grave. At the end of our days on earth be with us and with those we love and with those whom we love and have gone before us. We pray now for those who have recently died; give to the departed the perfect joy of your eternal love and to those bereaved by their passing the consolation of Your perfect love.

**LET LIGHT PERPETUAL SHINE UPON THEM  
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE  
AND RISE IN GLORY**

Father, we rejoice all our prayers in fellowship with St Matthew, all the saints, with those of our Blessed Mother.

In your unfailing love for us, hear and answer our prayers through your Son, as we honour his mother and say:

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**Hail Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou amongst women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death. Amen**

**R1** Merciful Father

Please accept these prayers For the Sake of your Son  
Our Saviour Jesus Christ. **AMEN**

## *The Peace*

**L.** May the God of peace make you completely holy,  
ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**R2.** and also with you. Alleluia!

**Reader 2. Said Hymn** *What a friend we have in Jesus*

What a friend we have in Jesus  
All our sins and griefs to bear  
What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer

Oh, what peace we often forfeit  
Oh, what needless pain we bear  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer

Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged  
Take it to the Lord in prayer

Can we find a friend so faithful  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness  
Take it to the Lord in prayer

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen**

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## Take a moment- An act of Spiritual Communion

**Leader.** Blessed be God,  
by whose grace creation is renewed,  
by whose love heaven is opened,  
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

**R1** Blessed be God for ever.

**L.** The Lord be with you

**R1.** and also with you.

**L.** The Lord is here.

**R1.** His Spirit is with us.

**L.** Lift up your hearts.

**R1.** We lift them to the Lord.

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

**R1.** It is right to give thanks and praise.

**Reader 1.** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
almighty and eternal Father,  
and in these days of Easter  
to celebrate with joyful hearts  
the memory of your wonderful works.

**Reader 2.** For by the mystery of his passion  
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,  
has conquered the powers of death and hell  
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.  
He has placed them once more in paradise  
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.  
And so, in the joy of this Passover,  
earth and heaven resound with gladness,  
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation  
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

**Leader.** Believing the promises of God, let us pray with confidence as our  
Saviour has taught us:

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**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name;  
Thy kingdom come;  
Thy will be done on earth,  
as it is in heaven:  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive them that trespass against us;  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil;  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
Forever and ever. Amen.**

Jesus said, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love”  
*[John 15..9]*

### **PRAYER OF Spiritual Communion**

**Leader** Let us say together the prayer of the act of Spiritual communion.

**All.** My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things, and desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to  
You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



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## **Moment of silent reflection.**

As you view the picture of our holy sacrament or imagine yourself receiving the Bread of Heaven, be still and rest in the love of God. Thank Him for entering beneath the roof of your soul with these words:

**Leader.** Soul of Christ, sanctify me.

Body of Christ, save me.

Blood of Christ, inebriate me.

Water from the side of Christ, wash me.

Passion of Christ, strengthen me.

O good Jesu, hear me.

Within your wounds hide me.

Suffer me not to be separated from you.

From the malicious enemy defend me.

In the hour of my death call me and bid me come to you,  
that with St Matthew and all your Saints O most merciful redeemer,  
friend and brother,  
may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly,  
and follow you more nearly, day by day Amen.

**R2.** Almighty God, through Your Blessed Sacrament, keep us united with all our brothers and sisters here at St Matthews and throughout the church. Bind us together in Word, Sacrament and Love, until we are reunited again in Your church. . Amen.

## **Moment of Silence**

**Leader** **Post Communion collect** *6th Sunday after Easter*

God our Father,

whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:

may we thirst for you,

the spring of life and source of goodness,

through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

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## **Notices**

