

Sunday 9th May 2021 – 6th Sunday of Easter: 'The Source of Love'

Welcome & Opening responses

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

An opening prayer:

**God of wonder and of joy: grace comes from you,
and you alone are the source of life and love.**

**Send your Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts
that most excellent gift of love,
that we may worship you now with thankful hearts
and serve you always with willing minds;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Song: Everyone needs compassion

1. Everyone needs compassion, / Love that's never failing;
Let mercy fall on me.
Everyone needs forgiveness, / The kindness of a Saviour;
The Hope of nations.

*Saviour, He can move the mountains,
My God is Mighty to save, He is Mighty to save.
Forever, Author of salvation,
He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave.*

2. So take me as You find me, / All my fears and failures,
Fill my life again.

I give my life to follow / Everything I believe in,
Now I surrender.

Chorus

Shine your light and let the whole world see,
We're singing for the glory of the risen King (x2)

Chorus (x2)

Confession and Forgiveness

‘This is love: not that we loved God but that he loved us, and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.’ Let us therefore come to this God of love with humility and confidence, firmly resolved to keep his commands, and to live in love and peace with all.

Silence is kept

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen**

*May the Father of all mercies forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal & strengthen us by his Spirit, & raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Special Prayer for the 6th Sunday of Easter

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.**

Video: *What is love?*

Bible Reading: 1 John 4:7-21 *‘The true source of love’*

Hymn: God is love, his the care

1. God is love: his the care,
Tending each, everywhere,
God is love—all is there!
Jesus came to show him,
that we all might know him.

...continues over

Sing aloud, loud, loud!

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God is good! God is truth!

God is beauty! Praise him!

2. None can see God above;

Jesus shows how to love.

Thus may we Godward move,

Joined as sisters, brothers:

Finding him in others.

3. To our Lord praise we sing —

Light and life, friend and King,

Coming down, love to bring:

Pattern for our duty,

Showing God in beauty.

Reflection

Response: It is a thing most wonderful

1. It is a thing most wonderful, almost too wonderful to be,
that God's own Son should come from heaven
and die to save a child like me.

2. And yet I know that it is true: he chose a poor and humble lot,
and wept and toiled, and mourned and died,
for love of those who loved him not.

3. But, even could I see him die, I could but see a little part
of that great love which, like a fire, is always burning in his heart.

4. It is most wonderful to know, his love for me so free and sure;
but 'tis more wonderful to see, my love for him so faint and poor.

5. And yet I want to love thee, Lord: O light the flame within my heart,
and I will love thee more and more, until I see thee as thou art.

Prayers

Response: *Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.***

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 & for ever. Amen.

Hymn: The Servant King

1. From heaven you came, helpless babe;

entered our world, your glory veiled.

Not to be served but to serve, and give your life that we might live.

This is our God, the Servant King - He calls us now to follow Him:

To bring our lives as a daily offering of worship to the Servant King.

2. There in the garden of tears, my heavy load he chose to bear;

His heart with sorrow was torn, yet "Not my will but Yours", he said.

3. Come see His hands and His feet – the scars that speak of sacrifice;

Hands that flung stars into space to cruel nails surrendered.

4. So let us learn how to serve, and in our lives enthrone Him:

Each others' needs to prefer, for it is Christ we're serving.

Blessing and Dismissal

Alleluia. Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

May the God of perfect love give us grace to love our sisters and brothers this week...

....and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace and love of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!