

## WCRKB Words of Hope 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021 Easter 5

Alleluia Christ is risen –

All: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Geraldine intro written by David...

... So welcome to our Message of Hope for this 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter.

Hymn:

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
To his feet thy tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Who like me his praise should sing?  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise the everlasting King.**

**Praise him for his grace and favour  
To our fathers in distress;  
Praise him still the same forever,  
Slow to chide and swift to bless.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Glorious in his faithfulness.**

**Father-like, he tends and spares us;  
Well our feeble frame he knows;  
In his hands he gently bears us.  
Rescues us from all our foes.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Widely as his mercy flows.**

**Angels, help us to adore him;  
Ye behold him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before him;  
Dwellers all in time and space.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise with us the God of grace.**

*Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847), sung by the Benefice Choir*  
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Some words from Paul's 1<sup>st</sup> letter to the Corinthians:

'Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.'

Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil

And confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart

Confession led by Geraldine

**Almighty God, our Heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against You and against our neighbour,  
in thought and word and deed, through negligence,  
through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.**

**We are truly sorry, and repent of all our sins.**

**For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve You in newness of life  
to the glory of Your Name, AMEN.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon us.  
Pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,  
and keep us in life eternal. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*The Lords Prayer we say together:*

**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**

Collect for this 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter:-

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**AMEN**

Acts 8.26–40 read by Tim

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, ‘Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.’ (This is a wilderness road.)<sup>27</sup> So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship<sup>28</sup> and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah.<sup>29</sup> Then the Spirit said to Philip, ‘Go over to this chariot and join it.’<sup>30</sup> So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, ‘Do you understand what you are reading?’<sup>31</sup> He replied, ‘How can I, unless someone guides me?’ And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.<sup>32</sup> Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

‘Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,

so he does not open his mouth.

<sup>33</sup> In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.'

<sup>34</sup>The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' <sup>35</sup>Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' <sup>38</sup>He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup>When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

John 15.1–8 read by Susie Cooper, Tim or ?

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Song from David

**YOU ARE THE VINE,  
We are the branches,  
Keep us abiding in You.  
You are the Vine,  
We are the branches,  
Keep us abiding in You.  
Then we'll grow in Your love,  
Then we'll go in Your name,  
That the world will surely know  
That You have power to heal and to save.**

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Poss 'You are the Vine'?

Sermon from David

Alleluia Christ is Risen!

All: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ in the words on the screen:

**Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures;  
He was buried; He was raised to life on the third day  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
afterwards He appeared to His followers, and to all the apostles:  
This we have received, and this we believe. Amen.**

Prayers lead by Lorraine

Final Hymn:

**I know that my Redeemer lives.  
What joy the blest assurance gives!  
*Alleluia, alleluia!*  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead.  
He lives, my ever-living Head.  
*Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

**He lives to bless me with His love.  
He lives to plead for me above.  
*Alleluia, alleluia!*  
He lives my hungry soul to feed.  
He lives to help in time of need.  
*Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

**He lives and grants me daily breath.  
He lives, for me He conquered death.  
*Alleluia, alleluia!*  
He lives my mansion to prepare.  
He lives to lead me safely there.  
*Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

**He lives! All glory to His name!  
He lives, my Saviour, still the same.  
*Alleluia, alleluia!*  
What joy the blest assurance gives:**

**“I know that my Redeemer lives!”**  
***Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

*Samuel Medley, 1738–1799*

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Thank you for being with us on for our Words of Hope  
Please join us online next Sunday for more words of hope.  
We have also restarted ‘live services’ in all our 5 churches – please see our website for full details of times and venues

We also value your generosity to support the church financially in our work serving our communities. If you are able to give via your bank please email us via the website for details, and you can also give online via our website.

And a blessing for this Eastertide:

The God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do His will, working in us that which is well pleasing in His sight; and the blessing... (Easter)

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