



# St John the Evangelist Farsley

**10.30<sub>am</sub> Holy Communion**

***Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2020 online worship***  
*Seventh Sunday of Easter (1<sup>st</sup> after Ascension)*

*Leader: Revd Sue McWhinney; Preacher: Shirley Walker*  
*Organist: Eileen Sheller*

***Welcome***

*Introduction to the service, and the Easter Candle is lit.*

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord  
Jesus Christ be with you

**And also with you.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**Hymn 1) Lo he comes** (*played by Eileen*)

***Prayers of Penitence***

Jesus Christ, risen master and triumphant Lord, we come  
to you in sorrow for our sins, and confess to you our  
weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength, and not by the power of your resurrection.

In your mercy, forgive us. **Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes, as faithless and not believing.

In your mercy, forgive us. **Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone, and doubted our home in heaven.

In your mercy, forgive us. **Lord, hear us and help us.**

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*As God's forgiven people, with joy we say:*

**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.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world:**

**have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father:**

**receive our prayer.**

**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.**

*The Collect for the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*  
Risen, ascended Lord,  
as we rejoice at your triumph,  
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,  
that all who are estranged by sin  
may find forgiveness and know your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
**Amen.**

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

*Read by Helen Whitaker*

*1st Reading*

**Acts 1.6-14**

*At the end the reader may say*  
This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn 2) 'High in the heavens'** by Resound Worship  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cP35jLndM5g>

**John 17.1-11**

*When it is announced*

Jesus has the words of eternal life. **Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The Sermon: Shirley Walker*

**Hymn 3) Amazing grace!** sung by Matt Redman

<https://vimeo.com/420342183>

*Affirmation of Faith*

Let us declare our faith  
in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**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.**

## *Intercessions*

*Led by Janet Whitaker*

*This response may be used:*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

*And at the end*

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers**

**for the sake of your Son,**

**our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

### *The Peace*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,  
'Peace be with you.'

They were glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

Wherever you are, the peace of the risen Christ be always  
with you, **and also with you.**

### *Eucharistic Prayer (Prayer G)*

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Blessed are you Lord God,  
our light and our salvation;  
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things  
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.  
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,  
the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and  
archangels and all the powers of heaven  
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.  
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,  
you embraced a people as your own.  
When they turned away and rebelled  
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour,  
born of Mary,  
to be the living bread,  
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners,  
and with a love stronger than death  
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,  
he came to supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.  
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, and said:  
Drink this all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of  
sins.

Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death,**

**rising you restored our life:**

**Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Father we plead with confidence  
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;  
we remember his dying and rising in glory,  
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right  
hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation;  
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,  
form us in the likeness of Christ,  
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with all the saints  
to the vision of that eternal splendour  
for which you have created us;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
by whom, with whom, and in whom,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

### *The Lord's 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 and for ever. Amen.**

### *Breaking of the Bread*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

### *Giving of Communion*

*The minister receives communion on behalf of the people,  
and says*

The body of Christ, keep us in eternal life, &  
The blood of Christ, shed for all of us.

### *Prayer after Communion*

*The Post Communion prayer is said*  
Eternal God, giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:  
confirm us in this mission,  
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Dismissal

**Hymn 4) O worship the Lord** (*played by Eileen*)

*We pray for our children's groups, our families, and ABC Church.*

*We give thanks for the offerings we have made this week, in person, in our practical care for others, and in our financial giving for the work of the church, and we ask God to bless it all.*

*Our costs continue even though the church building is closed.*

*Our church relies on donations to enable us to continue offering spiritual support and practical help to those in need in our community.*

*Our income has gone down during the Coronavirus Crisis because we have had to close the church buildings, but our work to help people continues.*

*If you would like to give us a donation online, you can do so at:*  
<https://www.stjohnsfarsley.org.uk/donate.php>

*Thank you.*

*Notices (if any)*

*Blessing*

May Christ,  
who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future,  
fill *you* with his new life; and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among *you* and remain with *you* always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ, Amen.**

*We finish the service with the **Thy Kingdom Come 2020** video, produced especially for the time between Ascension Day and Pentecost, when we are encouraged to pray each day for God's kingdom to come on our earth.*

<https://vimeo.com/420701776>

*Closing organ piece played by Eileen Sheller:*

**'Let there be peace on earth.'**

*We will continue to offer online services from 8.30am every Sunday until the suspension of public worship in churches is lifted and we are able to meet in church.*

*Do come and join us again!*

<http://stjohnsfarsley.org.uk/>

***We are also offering live dial-in Wednesday morning Communion services at 9.30am every Wednesday:***

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- You will be asked to key in the “meeting ID” 96872099226
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