

Sunday 25th May, 2025
The Sixth Sunday of Easter
Minister: Rev. Ian Taylor, A.C.I.B.S., B.D., Th.M., Dip. P.S.R.P.
Musical Director: Mr. Alan Craig. B.Mus., P.G.C.E
Guest Organist: Sheena Crichton

Members of the congregation who are able to stand are invited to do so as the Bible is brought in and taken out of the Church.

Intimations

- **The Sunday School** will meet in **Room 2** today.
- Please ensure all **mobile phones** 📱 are **switched off or in silent mode** during the Service.
- Please **place your offering in the Offering Plates** as these are uplifted during the Service.
- **Tea and Coffee** will be served after Church in the Cameron Hall.
- There will be a **Vestry Hour** on **Wednesday 28th May, 2025** at **10am** followed by our **mid-week Service** at **11.10am**.
- **Tickets for our "Sparkling Afternoon Tea"** which will be held on **Saturday 7th June** between 2pm and 4pm are **on sale today, priced £10**.
- **Christian Aid envelopes** can be returned this week.

Introit

Call to Worship

Hymn 45 Lord, bless and pity us, (Psalm 67)

- 1 Lord, bless and pity us,
shine on us with your face:
that your way may be known on earth,
all nations know your grace grace.
- 2 Let people praise you, Lord;
let all the people praise.
Oh, let the nations all be glad,
in songs their voices raise:

3 You'll justly people judge,
on earth rule nations all.
Let people praise you, Lord; let them
praise you, both great and small.

4 The earth her fruit shall yield,
our God shall blessing send.
God shall us bless; all shall him fear
Unto earth's utmost end.

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Call to Prayer

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Children's Address

Hymn 530 One more step along the world I go,

One more step along the world I go,
one more step along the world I go;
from the old things to the new
keep me travelling along with you:

*And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.*

Round the corner of the world I turn,
more and more about the world I learn;
all the new things that I see
you'll be looking at along with me:

As I travel through the bad and good,
keep me travelling the way I should;
where I see no way to go
you'll be telling me the way, I know:

Give me courage when the world is rough,
keep me loving though the world is tough;
 leap and sing in all I do,
 keep me traveling along with you:

You are older than the world can be,
you are younger than the life in me;
 ever old and ever new,
 keep me travelling along with you:

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Acts 16:9-15

⁹ During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' ¹⁰ When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. ¹¹ We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district^[a] of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³ On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

St. John 14:23-29

²³ Jesus answered him, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. ²⁵ I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate,^[a] the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind

you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

Hymn 559 There is a Redeemer,

There is a redeemer
Jesus, God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah
 Holy One

*Thank you, o my father
For giving us Your Son
And leaving us Your Spirit
Till your work on Earth is done*

Jesus my redeemer
Name above all names
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah
 Once for sinners slain

*Thank you, o my father
For giving us Your Son
And leaving us Your Spirit
Till your work on Earth is done*

When I stand in Glory
I will see His face
And there I'll serve my King forever
 In that Holy Place

*Thank you, o my father
For giving us Your Son
And leaving us Your Spirit
Till your work on Earth is done*

Melody Green(b.1946)

Sermon

The Offering (& Sung Doxology: Hymn 807)

Prayers of Intercession & The Lord's Prayer

Hymn 500 Lord of creation, to you be all praise!

- 1 Lord of creation, to you be all praise!
Most mighty your working, most wondrous your ways!
Your glory and might are beyond us to tell,
and yet in the heart of the humble you dwell.
- 2 Lord of all power, I give you my will,
in joyful obedience your tasks to fulfil.
Your bondage is freedom, your service is song;
and, held in your keeping, my weakness is strong.
- 3 Lord of all wisdom, I give you my mind,
rich truth that surpasses our knowledge to find;
what eye has not seen and what ear has not heard
is taught by your Spirit and shines from your word.
- 4 Lord of all bounty, I give you my heart;
I praise and adore you for all you impart,
your love to inspire me, your counsel to guide,
your presence to shield me, whatever betide.
- 5 Lord of all being, I give you my all;
If I ever disown you, I stumble and fall;
but, sworn in your service your word I'll obey,
and walk in your freedom to the end of the way.

Benediction

Choral Amen