



Unless a seed die

Heart & Anchor Church

SERVICE ORDER

Sunday Worship, 6th June 2021



The Gathering

Opening Hymn: [Now The Green Blade Riseth](#)

The Lord is here

All His Spirit is with us

Welcome and introduction

Opening prayer

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
All slow to anger and of great kindness.
He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
All nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
All so great is his mercy upon those who fear him.

Silence is kept for reflection.

All Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.

As far as the east is from the west,
All so far has he set our sins from us.
As a father has compassion on his children,
All so is the Lord merciful towards those who fear him.



Bless the Lord, O my soul,

All and all that is within me bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

All and forget not all his benefits.

Absolution

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.

The Greenhouse Prayer

Loving God,

Help us by your Spirit to

Bask in the sunshine of your love,

Absorb the nutrients of your Word

Inhale the oxygen of prayer,

Exhale the carbon dioxide of anxiety.

Soak our dry roots in the water of your Spirit

Heal our wounds and infirmities

Gather the isolated, restore the lost,

Nurture new seeds of vision

For the garden you want to grow

In the presence and power of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 15:35-44,50-58

The Resurrection Body

But someone will ask, 'How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?' Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. Not all flesh is alike, but there is one flesh for human beings, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. There are both heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one thing, and that of the earthly is another. There is one glory of the sun,



and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; indeed, star differs from star in glory.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:

'Death has been swallowed up in victory.'

'Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?'

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;

I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

Alleluia.

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 6:25-34

Do Not Worry

'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about



clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

‘So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Talk by Rosy Fairhurst

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**All I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**All I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,**



**the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Prayers

The LYCIG prayer

Silence is kept.

God of mission,
Who alone brings growth to your church,
Send your Holy Spirit to give
Vision to our planning,
Planning to our vision,
Wisdom to our actions
And power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
In spiritual commitment to you,
And in service to our local community,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said
'Peace be with you.'
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia
Alleluia! The Peace of the risen Christ be always with you
And also with you. Alleluia!

Let us offer one another a sign of God's peace

[*Alleluia, Sing to Jesus \(Tune: Hyfrydol\) \[with lyrics for congregations\]*](#)

The Communion

The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.



All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All 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:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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:

All 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.

[Remember, Lord, your Church in every land.

Reveal her unity, guard her faith,
and preserve her in peace ...]

Bring us at the last with Clement, Augustine and 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:

All Blessing and honour and glory and power

be yours for ever and ever.

Amen.

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All 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.

All Though we are many, we are one body,

because we all share in one bread.

The invitation

Jesus is the Lamb of God

who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,



but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

During communion we hear [I am the Bread of Life](#)

Post Communion Prayer

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 Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine on you,
and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face towards you
and give you peace;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Notices

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Final Hymn: ['More Than Conquerors'](#) from Rend Collective (OFFICIAL LYRIC VIDEO)