

7th Sunday of Easter 24th May 2020

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Acts 1: 6-14

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' ⁷He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

John 17: 1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶ 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore!
Mortals, give thanks, and sing,
and triumph evermore:
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when He had purged our stains,
He took His seat above:
Lift up your heart...

His kingdom cannot fail,
He rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given.

Lift up your heart...

He sits at God's right hand
till all His foes submit,
And bow to His command,
and fall beneath His feet:

Lift up your heart,

Lift up your voice!

Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

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All heaven declares the glory of the Risen Lord;
who can compare with the beauty of the Lord?
Forever he will be the Lamb upon the throne;
I gladly bow the knee and worship him alone.

I will proclaim the glory of the Risen Lord;
who once was slain to reconcile man to God.
Forever you will be the Lamb upon the throne;
I gladly bow the knee and worship you alone.

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Name of all majesty,
fathomless mystery,
King of the ages by angels adored;
power and majesty,
splendour and dignity,
bow to His mastery – Jesus is Lord!

Jesus is Lord!

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Jesus is Lord!

Child of our destiny,
God from eternity;
love of the Father on sinners outpoured;
see now what God has done,
sending His only Son,
Christ the beloved one – Jesus is Lord!

Saviour of Calvary,
costliest victory
darkness defeated and Eden restored;
born as a man to die,
nailed to a cross on high,
cold in the grave to lie - Jesus is Lord!

Source of all sovereignty,
light, immortality,
life everlasting and heaven assured;
So with the ransomed, we
praise Him eternally,
Christ in His mastery- Jesus is Lord

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