

# SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

28 May 2017

## HYMNS

228 Crown him with many crowns  
(omit vs. 2, 3)

\*below Be still for the presence of  
the Lord

520 Lord enthroned in heavenly  
splendour (omit vs. 2, 3)

below Ascended Christ, who gained

\* omit at St Aidan's & Transfiguration

## SENTENCE

This is eternal life, that we may know  
you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ  
whom you have sent.



Be still for the presence of the Lord by David J Evans, from Mission Praise

1. Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy One, is here;  
come bow before Him now  
with reverence and fear:  
in Him no sin is found -  
we stand on holy ground.  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy One, is here.

2. Be still, for the glory of the Lord,  
is shining all around;  
He burns with holy fire,  
with splendour He is crowned:

how awesome is the sight -  
our radiant King of light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord,  
is shining all around.

3. Be still, for the power of the Lord,  
is moving in this place:  
He comes to cleanse and heal,  
to minister His grace -  
no work too hard for Him:  
in faith receive from Him.  
Be still, for the power of the Lord,  
is moving in this place.

Ascended Christ, who gained by Christopher Idle (b. 1938), from Sing Praise

1. Ascended Christ, who gained  
the glory that we sing,  
anointed and ordained,  
our Prophet, Priest, and King:  
by many tongues  
the church displays  
your power and praise  
in all her songs.

2. No titles, thrones, or powers  
can ever rival yours;  
no passing mood of ours  
can turn aside your laws:  
you reign above  
each other name  
of worth or fame,  
the Lord of love!

3. Now from your Father's side  
you make your people new;  
since for our sins you died  
our lives belong to you:  
from our distress  
you set us free  
for purity  
and holiness.

4. You call us to belong  
within one body here;  
in weakness we are strong  
and all your gifts we share:

in you alone  
we are complete  
and at your feet  
with joy bow down.

5. All strength is in your hand,  
all power to you is given;  
all wisdom to command  
in earth and hell and heaven:  
beyond all words  
creation sings  
the King of kings  
and Lord of lords.

#### COLLECT

O God, whose Son, Jesus, prayed for his disciples, and sent them into the world to proclaim the coming of your kingdom: by your Holy Spirit, hold the Church in unity, and keep it faithful to your word, so that, breaking bread together, we may be one with Christ in faith and love and service, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### READINGS

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But 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.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They 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.' Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When 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. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers. *Acts 1.6-14*

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

Psalm 68.1-10, 32-35:

Let God arise and let his enemies be scattered; let those that hate him flee before him.

As the smoke vanishes, so may they vanish away; as wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; let them make merry with gladness.

Sing to God, sing praises to his name; exalt him who rides on the clouds. The Lord is his name; rejoice before him.

Father of the fatherless, defender of widows, God in his holy habitation!

God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners to songs of welcome, but the rebellious inhabit a burning desert.

O God, when you went forth before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,

The earth shook and the heavens dropped down rain, at the presence of God, the Lord of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

You sent down a gracious rain, O God; you refreshed your inheritance when it was weary.

Your people came to dwell there; in your goodness, O God, you provide for the poor.

Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth; make music in praise of the Lord;

He rides on the ancient heaven of heavens and sends forth his voice, a mighty voice.

Ascribe power to God, whose splendour is over Israel, whose power is above the clouds.

How terrible is God in his holy sanctuary, the God of Israel, who gives power and strength to his people! Blessed be God.

A reading from Peter's first letter:

Now as an elder myself and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as one who shares in the glory to be revealed, I exhort the elders among you to tend the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it - not for sordid gain but eagerly. Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock. And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away. In the same way, you who are younger must accept the authority of the elders. And all of you must clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another, for 'God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.' Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your sisters and brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen. Through Silvanus, whom I consider a faithful brother, I have written this short letter to encourage you, and to testify that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it. Your sister church in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you greetings; and so does my son Mark. Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

*1 Peter 5*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The Lord said: I will not leave you orphans. I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice.

**Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you.           **And also with you.**  
The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. 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. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for 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. I 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. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And 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.'

*John 17.1-11*

This is the Gospel of the Lord,           **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **PRAYERS**

**Anglican Church:** Diocese of Nike, Nigeria (*Bp Evans Jonathan Ibeagha*); The Diocese of Adelaide (*Abp Geoff Smith, Asst Bishops Timothy Harris, Christopher McLeod; Clergy & People*); Chinese Ministry (*Richard Liu, Missioner*); St Philip's, Deep Creek (*Rod McArdle, Randle Bond*).

**For the Parish:** Give thanks for those who support our parish life: the Op Shop team, Maintenance committee, the Parish Treasurer and office support, and those who contribute through rostered help at each centre; and pray that they do this all in the name of Jesus, who called people to serve others.

**For the sick & in need:** Keiran, Gail Lubie, Sally Newson, David, Jenny, Joan, Glenn Smith, Chris Erving, Colin McLean, Geoff Nicholls, Michael, Peter & Sally, Lachie Richardson, and those known to us in need of our prayers.

**Community of the sick:** Heather Weiss, Therese Cummins, Don, Alec Baker, Fiona Tunley.  
*This community are those who need ongoing prayers for strength, courage, and peace of heart, mind and soul as they journey onwards.*

### Year's mind

*21st Norma Bath (2012)*

*30th Kenneth Eaton (1997)*

### Birthdays & Wedding anniversaries

*2nd Simon Welsh*