

## Easter 5 – Morning Prayer Gratot – 3 May 26 A

### **HYMN: We walk by faith** *Tune St Anne*

1. We walk by faith, and not by sight;  
No gracious words we hear  
From Him who spoke as none ne'er spoke,  
But we believe him near.
2. We may not touch His hands and side,  
Nor follow where He trod;  
But in His promise we rejoice,  
And cry, "My Lord and God!"
3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;  
And may our faith abound,  
To call on you when you are near,  
And seek where you are found.
4. That when our lives of faith are done,  
In realms of clearer light,  
We may behold you as you are,  
With full and endless sight.  
  
In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

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

**All: and also with you.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**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.**

### **Prayers of Penitence**

**Father, we have sinned against heaven  
and against you.  
We are not worthy to be called your  
children. We turn to you again.  
Have mercy on us, bring us back to  
yourself as those who once were dead**

**but now have life through Christ our  
Lord. Amen.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

**All Amen**

### **Gloria in excelsis**

**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 - The Prayer of the Day**

**All: Amen.**

### **The Word of God**

*After each reading:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**

**First Reading: Acts 7:55-60 – The Stoning  
of Stephen**

**Psalmody: Psalm 31:1-5 & 15-16**

**Response – I trust in you O Lord, you are  
my God**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**



**NT Reading** : 1 Peter 2:2-10 – *The stone that makes them stumble and fall*

**HYMN**: **Do not be afraid** (Tune: Gerard Markland Taizé)

*Refrain*

Do not be afraid,  
for I have redeemed you.  
I have called you by your name;  
you are mine.

1. When you walk through the waters  
I'll be with you,  
you will never sink beneath the wave;

*Refrain*

2. When the fire is burning all around you,  
you will never be consumed by the  
flames

*Refrain*

3. When the fear of loneliness is looming,  
Remember I am at your side

*Refrain*

4. When you dwell in the exile of a  
stranger,  
Remember you are precious in my eyes

*Refrain*

5. You are mine, O my child,  
I am your Father,  
And I love you with a perfect love

*Refrain*

*Before the Gospel:*

The Lord be with you.

**All: and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus  
Christ according to *JOHN*

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**John 14:1-14** - *Jesus the Way to the Father*

*After the reading:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sermon*

*Affirmation of Faith - Apostles Creed*

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

**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.**

**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 of Intercession*

Lord, in your mercy

**All: hear our prayer.**

*The prayers end:*

Merciful Father,

**All: accept these prayers for the sake  
of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Let us pray with confidence as our  
Saviour has taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses, as we  
forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation; but  
deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power  
and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

***HYMN – The Lord’s my Shepherds*** (Stuart Townsend)

*(During which our offerings will be received)*

1. The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want  
He makes me lie in pastures green  
He leads me by the still, still waters  
His goodness restores my soul

*Refrain*

*And I will trust in You alone  
And I will trust in You alone  
For Your endless mercy follows me  
Your goodness will lead me home*

2. He guides my ways in righteousness  
And He anoints my head with oil  
And my cup, it overflows with joy  
I feast on His pure delights

*Refrain*

3. And though I walk the darkest path  
I will not fear the evil one  
For You are with me, and Your rod  
and staff

Are the comfort I need to know

*And I will trust in You alone  
And I will trust in You alone  
For Your endless mercy follows me  
Your goodness will lead me home  
(and I will trust)*

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We say together

**Gracious God, accept these gifts,  
and with them our lives,  
to be used in your service;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Thanksgiving*

let us bless the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*Notices and announcements*

Let us bless the Lord: Alleluia, alleluia.

All **thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

***HYMN: Christ is made the sure foundation***

*- T. Westminster Abbey*

1. Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ, our head and cornerstone,  
chosen of the Lord and precious,  
binding all the Church in one;  
holy Zion's help forever  
and our confidence alone.
2. To this temple, where we call you,  
come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;  
come with all your lovingkindness,  
hear your people as they pray;  
and your fullest benediction  
speak within these walls today.
3. Grant, we pray, to all your faithful  
all the gifts they ask to gain;  
what they gain from you forever  
with the blessed to retain;  
And hereafter in your glory  
evermore with you to reign.
4. Praise and honour to the Father,  
praise and honour to the Son,  
praise and honour to the Spirit,  
ever three and ever one:  
one in might and one in glory  
while unending ages run!