

Sunday 10th May Fifth Sunday of Easter

Christian Aid Week

Today is the beginning of Christian Aid Week. Like many church activities at the moment, Christian Aid Week is being done digitally this year, and this special service devised by Christian Aid focuses on all who are going through the COVID-19 global pandemic together. You may wish to have a bowl of water, some soap and a towel in front of you for the Confession, and maybe a Bible so you can follow the two readings. Donations to Christian Aid can be made at www.caweek.org/payin

Words of welcome and introduction

Gathering Prayer

God of all the Earth,
be present with us now
in each of our homes,
as we connect together.
Build us into a spiritual house,
a holy priesthood,
offering spiritual sacrifices
acceptable to you
through Jesus Christ,
our risen redeemer and healer.
Amen.

Prayer of Confession

As we turn on the tap
we turn our hearts
towards you, O God.

As we wet our hands
renew our thoughts,
so we might be transformed.

As we lather soap
between fingers
and over all our hands,

purge from us
all that brings us harm
and might harm others.

Remove the invisible
guilt and shame
that so often keeps us from you.

As we rinse our hands,
we trust in your overflowing grace,
making all things new.
Amen.

New Testament Reading: 1 Peter 2:16-end

Gospel Reading: John 14:1-14

Brief Reflection

Prayers of Lament and Intercession

The response to “God, in your mercy” is “Hear our prayer.”

At the end: “Merciful God, hear all our prayers. Amen.”

The Lord’s Prayer

Final Blessing