

17TH MAY 2020
(Sixth Sunday of Easter)



ROGATION SUNDAY

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed.** Alleluia!

WE GATHER IN SPIRIT

We gather in the image of the Creator,
who is a community of love.

We gather in the name of the Redeemer,
who reconciles all of creation.

We gather in the presence of the Life Giver,
who inspires new life and renews it. Amen.

WE ASK FOR FORGIVENESS

Holy God, maker of the skies above,

Lowly Christ, born amidst the growing earth,

**Spirit of life, the wind over flowing waters, in earth, sea and sky,
your presence is with us.**

**O hidden mystery, Sun behind all suns, Soul behind all souls,
in everything we meet, your presence is with us.**

**But when we have not touched, but trampled you in creation,
when we have not met, but missed you in one another,
when we have not received, but rejected you in the poor,
forgive us and hear now our plea for mercy.**

Come, Father of the poor,
come, Light of our hearts,
come generous Spirit,
by the glory of creation around us,
by the comfort of your forgiveness within us,
by the wind of your Spirit inspiring us,
pardon us, renew us, confirm and strengthen us,
to live to your praise and glory.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 104 : 1-19, 31-35



Mark 4 : 30-32

REFLECTION

OUR PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD



The theologian, Karl Barth, said :
*'To clasp the hands in prayer is the beginning of an uprising against the
disorder of the world'*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(In the words of the New Zealand Prayer Book)

Eternal Spirit,

**Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo through the universe;
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world;
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings;
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trial too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.**

CLOSING PRAYER

Loving God,

**The music of your creatures resounds throughout creation
and in heaven, a symphony is made.**

**Help us to stand in awe and wonder and so to praise you for the
richness of the world you have laid before us.**

**Bless us with a compassionate heart, that feels with you the
injustice of the world and help us to strive towards that glorious
kingdom in which all your creatures shall be free from pain and
oppression and live in peace with you for all eternity.**

Amen.

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BLESSING



OUR HYMN FOR TODAY

'All Creatures of our God and King'

(With thanks to Simeon Royle)

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing: *Alleluia, Alleluia!*
Bright brother sun with golden beam,
clear sister moon with softer gleam:
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Swift rushing wind, so wild and strong,
high clouds that sail the heaven along : *O praise him, Alleluia!*
New-breaking dawn, in praise rejoice and lights of evening find a voice:
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Cool flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your Lord to hear: *Alleluia, Alleluia!*
Fire, with your flames so fierce and bright,
giving to all both warmth and light:
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Dear mother earth, who day by day,
unfolds God's blessings on our way : *O praise him, Alleluia!*
All flowers and fruits that in you grow,
let them his glory also show :
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless
and worship God in humbleness : *O praise him, Alleluia!*
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
and praise the Spirit, Three in One :
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!