

**Sunday 16 May 2021**

**Gathering Hymn** (St. Bede [673-735] tr. R. A. Knox [1888-1957])

New praises be given to Christ newly crowned,  
who back to His heaven a new way hath found;  
God's blessedness sharing before us he goes,  
what mansions preparing, what endless repose!

His glory still praising on thrice holy ground  
the apostles stood gazing, his mother around;  
with hearts that beat faster, with eyes full of love,  
they watched while their master ascended above.

Grant, Lord, that our longing may follow thee there,  
on earth who are thronging thy temples with prayer;  
and unto thee gather, Redeemer, thine own,  
where thou with thy Father dost sit on the throne.

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**Offertory Hymn** (Aniceto Nazareth)

Blest are You, Lord God of all creation  
Thanks to your goodness, this bread we offer:  
Fruit of the earth, work of our hands,  
It will become the bread of life.

**Blessed be God, blessed be God,  
Blessed be God, forever. Amen. (x2)**

Blest are you, Lord God of all creation  
Thanks to Your goodness, this wine we offer:  
Fruit of the earth, work of our hands,  
It will become the cup of life.

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**Communion Hymn** (Christine McCann)

Gifts of bread and wine, gifts we've offered,  
fruits of labour, fruits of love:  
taken offered, sanctified,  
blessed and broken; words of one who died:

**'Take my body: take my saving blood.'  
Gifts of bread and wine: Christ our Lord.**

Christ our saviour, living presence here,  
as he promised while on earth:  
'I am with you for all time,  
I am with you in this bread and wine'

To the Father, with the Spirit,  
one in union with the Son,  
for God's people, joined in prayer  
faith is strengthened by the food we share.

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**Final Hymn** (Sylvia Dunstan [1955-93])

Go to the world! Go into all the earth.  
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,  
baptising as the sign of our rebirth.

*Alleluia.*

Go to the world! Go into every place.  
Go live the word of Christ's redeeming grace.  
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.  
*Alleluia.*

Go to the world! Go struggle, bless and pray;  
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.  
As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way.  
*Alleluia.*

Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,  
for I am with you 'till the age shall end,  
when all the hosts of glory cry, 'Amen!'  
*Alleluia.*

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