

6th February, 2022 Epiphany 5

RESURRECTION WHEN YOU'RE SHUT IN

CALL TO WORSHIP

Great is our God and abundant in power, with wisdom beyond our understanding. It is God who numbers all the stars and gives each of them a name, yet bends and heals the broken hearted and binds up all their wounds.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. And also with you.

PRAYER FOR FIRST PEOPLES

Many people have gone before who have honoured God by caring for the Land, in the ways they have lived and in the stories they have shared.

We give thanks for the nations and people, who have held as sacred the duty of protecting the Land and living in harmony with it.

May God honour and bless them – now and to eternity. (2017 A. Koh-Butler)

SONG

Deeper in Love – Don Moen https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/670999251/53071ee812

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, Friend and Teacher, please continue to redeem your people. We are students in the school of life, sometimes succeeding, often failing, but by your assistance in Christ, each day we try to glorify you as we apply love's lessons.

Please confirm in us the true and beautiful things we have absorbed from the Gospel, and highlight and correct the errors which have found expression through us.

In your mercy, expunge from the book of life the evil and shame we have either wilfully or unintentionally inscribed.

Remind us that in the school of our Saviour Christ, no error is indelible, no deed unforgivable, no student destined for failure.

Above all other lessons, teach us to welcome and assimilate the gift of saving grace, and to share it freely with those around us. Let us be merciful even as you are merciful, that we who are students may also live as the sisters and brothers of Jesus and as the genuine children of the Most High God. For your love's sake.

Amen.

ASSURANCE

Fellow students in the class of Christ, hear again the Good News: "If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and can be depended on to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Life is an open page before you, fill it with the stories of grace.

We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us. Thanks be to God!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(take this time to pray for each other, the community and world)

SONG

Come Holy Spirit, Fall afresh on me.

https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/670998557/fe5d525158

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God, your love for us is revealed in the gifts of Jesus and the Holy Spirit. You call us to make these gifts evident in our lives. Receive and bless this offering as a symbol of our thanksgiving and as a sign of our commitment to be prophetic witnesses of your love and mercy. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

READINGS

John 20:19-31

REFLECTION

Resurrection when you're Shut In https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/671409375/01e5104bdb

SILENCE

Now let silence gently enfold us...

May the silence we now share quieten us, touch our need, refresh our courage, and enlarge our wonder.

SONG

Go Light Your World

https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/552171609/a2e6f95786

BLESSING

Go out into the world with enough joy and love to make the contemporary demons slink back to hell.

Amen!

May God bless the treading of your feet, May Christ bless the seeing of your eyes, May the Spirit bless the serving of your hands. **Amen!**

SONG

The Blessing Australia

https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/587007764/bb8097d186