

Sixth Sunday of Easter: Rogation Sunday

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Introduction

A Collect for Sixth Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ,
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

A prayer for Rogationtide

God our Father,
you never cease the work you have begun
and prosper with your blessing all human labour:
make us wise and faithful stewards of your gifts
that we may serve the common good,
maintain the fabric of our world
and seek that justice where all may share
the good things you pour upon us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Prayers of Penitence

Let us ask God to have mercy on our tired land,
and to prosper the work of our soiled hands.
Let us ask God to forgive our delusion of self-sufficiency
so that we may praise him for his provision and goodness.

Lord, you give us this good earth,
yet we take your generous gifts for granted.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, you give us this good earth,
but we squander its rich resources.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord, you give us this good earth,
but we fail to share your bounty with all of your children.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy upon us,
And bring us to everlasting life. **Amen**

First Reading

Acts 17: 22-31

"God who made the world and everything in it" *Music – for reflection*

Gospel Reading

John 14: 15-21

Homily

Litany for Rogationtide

For our daily bread:

we pray to you, O Lord

For all who work on the land to bring us our food in due season:

we pray to you, O Lord

For the world of work in all its diversity:

hear us, good Lord.

For the industry and workplaces of this community:

hear us, good Lord.

For the right ordering of work in times of technological change:

hear us, good Lord.

For communities that have lost traditional industries, and for their regeneration:

hear us, good Lord.

For all expanding industries and for the promise of new jobs:

hear us, good Lord.

For local small businesses and co-operatives:

hear us, good Lord.

For all service industries that provide for our daily needs:

hear us, good Lord.

For the unemployed and for those living in poverty:

hear us, good Lord.

For school leavers and all who are seeking to enter employment:

hear us, good Lord.

For the retired and those unable to work:

hear us, good Lord.

For all who work as volunteers:

hear us, good Lord.

Spiritual Communion

"On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you." *John 14: 20*

As we know ourselves to be in God's loving presence we each ask

Help me receive your Easter gift of peace this day and in the days to come.

Jesus said, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.' *John 6.35*

We give thanks for the saving death and resurrection of Jesus and ask him to be with you now.

**Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits you have given me,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly, day by day.**

Amen.

after the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

Prayers of intercession

Pray for the needs of the world, our local community, and for those close to you.

Let us ask the God of creation to send a blessing upon us.

Upon the rich earth send a blessing, O Lord.

Let the earth be fruitful
and its resources be hallowed.

We ask in faith:

we ask you to hear us, good Lord.

Upon human labour send a blessing, O Lord.

Prosper the work of our hands;
may all find dignity and just reward in their work;
free the exploited and oppressed.

We ask in faith:

we ask you to hear us, good Lord.

Upon the produce of the earth send a blessing, O Lord.

Guide us into a sustainable future,
and give us the will to share the fruits of the world.

We ask in faith:

we ask you to hear us, good Lord.

Upon the seas and waters send a blessing, O Lord.

Teach us to cherish the water of the earth,
and to conserve the seas, lakes and rivers.

We ask in faith:

we ask you to hear us, good Lord.

Upon Christian Aid and other aid agencies send a blessing, O Lord.

Where the earth is parched and the well has run dry;
where war brings want, and children go hungry;
where the poor cry out for bread and for justice,
give hands to care and heal, and compel us to be generous.

We ask in faith:

we ask you to hear us, good Lord.

Upon scientists and doctors and all who are working
Ceaselessly to understand and so to eradicate the Coronavirus
And an end to the suffering and grief.

We ask in faith:

we ask you to hear us, good Lord.

We ask you to hear us, good Lord,
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation

but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours

now and for ever. Amen.

Conclusion

Sow for yourselves righteousness;

Reap steadfast love;

Break up your fallow ground;

For it is time to seek the Lord,

That he may come and rain righteousness upon you.

Hosea 10: 12

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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