

*We sing or say*

Thine be the glory risen conquering Son  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away  
kept the folded grave clothes, where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory risen conquering Son;  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo! Jesus meets us risen from the tomb,  
lovingly, he greets us scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing;  
for her Lord now liveth death hath lost its sting.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life,  
life is naught without thee aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

### Blessing

May Christ, who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future,  
fill you with his new life; the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer  
and Sustainer be among you and those whom you love, today and  
always. **Amen.**

We are raised to new life with Christ.  
Go in his peace. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

[www.swithunandmary.org.uk](http://www.swithunandmary.org.uk)

## Fifth Sunday of Easter Safeguarding Sunday 2 May 2021



**Welcome**

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you  
**and also with you.**

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

**Let us rejoice and sing God's praise for ever.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*We sing or say*

Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,  
and companions on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.



I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

#### **We say sorry to God and received God's forgiveness**

We have lived by our own strength,  
and not by the power of your resurrection.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,  
as faithless and not believing.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone,  
and doubted our home in heaven.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

May the God of all healing and forgiveness, forgive you when you do  
wrong and draw you back to love, through Jesus Christ our friend and  
Saviour. **Amen.**



#### **Prayer for the Day**

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder  
of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for  
those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**Bible reading: John 15:1-8**

**Reflection** (attached)

#### **We Declare our Faith**

We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.  
We believe in God the Son who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.  
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us with power from on high.  
We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

#### **Intercessions ending with The Lord's Prayer**

#### **A Prayer in Lockdown**

Ever present God, be with us in our isolation, be close to us in our  
distancing, be healing in our sickness, be joy in our sadness, be light in our  
darkness, be wisdom in our confusion, be all that is familiar when all is  
unfamiliar, that when the doors reopen we may with the zeal of Pentecost  
inhabit our communities and speak of your goodness to an emerging  
world. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

#### **The Peace**

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said: 'Peace be  
with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

*John 20:19,20*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.