

The Meon Bridge Benefice

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The Eucharist with Spiritual Communion
(Holy Communion Order I – Common Worship)

Eastertide

Order of Service

Welcome Everybody! Everybody Welcome!



Prayer before the service

Father, grant that, with pure hearts and hallowed lives, we may show forth your praise. Let our participation in these holy mysteries be for us both a foretaste of that heavenly city which you have prepared for us, and may it also revive of our zeal to remain true to our vocation. Amen.

As watchmen look for the morning, so do we look for you, O Christ; come with the dawning of the day, and make yourself known to us in the breaking of the bread; for you are our God for ever and ever. Amen.

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6th Sunday of Easter

Introduction

The threat of the virus to health and well-being has not gone away, and this is a very different way of being church, but we remain the body of Christ. For however long this physical separation continues, each day we must strengthen our resolve to remain spiritually as one.

As we approach Ascension Day later this week, we remember that Jesus came and went from their midst between the Resurrection and Ascension. Often even his closest followers struggled to recognise him, he was preparing them for the time when he would be physically separated from them.

He did not commission them to huddle together in fear or stay quiet as a small sect – he commissioned them to disperse and spread the good news. But in order to cope with their separation from him, and their separation with each other he clothed them with the Spirit. so they would remain spiritually connected with each other and in relationship with God. We need to accept that same gift which clothes us with the Spirit, and unites us with each other and with God.

Remember that we are all buried with Christ by baptism into his death, so that we might walk in newness of life; and, to remain the Body of Christ – dispersed but not shattered - apart but not disembodied.

Each day, we must live out the Gospel in prayer to strengthen our faith or for the sake of the world and deeds, in whatever ways that we can, to serve others especially the most vulnerable, isolated or cut off. The present situation does not negate the joy we have been granted in the resurrection, but it is being lived out in different ways at this time.

We can reflect that if the hardest of times have been like the agony and emptiness of a prolonged 'Holy Saturday', then now, and God willing that it remains so, the worst of the Pandemic is passing, being allowed to conduct this service, albeit alone, in Church for the first time in weeks, feels like the hours just before dawn on Easter Morning.

God, whose nature is mercy, sent his Son, who experienced the fullness of our own human suffering and makes all things new. We are making ready for the new dawn and there is hope. In that renewed hope, which comes from remembering the story of our salvation, we can and must believe that we all shall experience the unfettered joy of growing as Easter people; and as in the weeks that followed the first Easter others will join the 'new us' and become part of the re-discovered Body of Christ. Let us pray that all will experience the joy of the Good News, perhaps for the first time.

This week we reach the fortieth day of The Great Fifty Days of Eastertide form a single festival period. On the fortieth day we celebrate Christ's ascension, as millions have before us since the late fourth century. We sustain the sense of Easter joy, as we celebrate the gloriously risen Christ.

I would draw your attention to the film called 'The Way of the Resurrection', which contains a series of reflections on Bible passages about the appearances of Jesus from Easter Morning right up to his dramatic appearance to Saul on the Road to Damascus. You find this on the website and on YouTube.

When he makes his appearances, Jesus commissions his disciples to continue his work, and he promises the gift of the Holy Spirit. And through the ten day period between the Ascension and Pentecost, we pray too for the coming of the Holy Spirit, and I would commend the Church's *Thy Kingdom Come* materials and Cathy's reflections day by day on the possible effects of the Holy Spirit in our lives. The arrival of the promised gift of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost completes and crowns the Easter Festival.

But let us now pray for our current times

Dear Lord
anoint us with the Holy Spirit,
as we share in Christ's suffering and victory
that we may bear witness to the gospel of salvation;
through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Greeting

The president may say

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The president greets the people

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

Opening Hymn

○ Jesus I have promised (AMNS 235)

○ Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
Be Thou forever near me, my Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle if Thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway if Thou wilt be my Guide.

○ let me feel Thee near me! The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;
But Jesus, draw Thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

○ let me hear Thee speaking in accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self will.
○ speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
○ speak, and make me listen, Thou Guardian of my soul.

○ Jesus, Thou hast promised to all who follow Thee
That where Thou art in glory there shall Thy servant be.

And Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.
O let me see Thy footprints, and in them plant mine own;
My hope to follow duly is in Thy strength alone.
O guide me, call me, draw me, uphold me to the end;
And then in Heaven receive me, my Saviour and my Friend.

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Easter Greeting

The president greets the people

This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:
**he has given us new life and hope
by raising Jesus from the dead.**

God has claimed us as his own:
He has made us light to the world.

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

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

Prayer of Preparation

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

Invitation to confession

Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

cf 1 Corinthians 5.7,8

Silence

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.**

**We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us, (✠)
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

The president says

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent, (✠)
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

**Glory to God,
Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest.**

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Glory to God,
Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**Glory to God,
Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.**

**Glory to God,
Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest.**

The Collect

The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray' or a more specific bidding.

The Collect is said.

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
to eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

²²Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god."

What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him - though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring."

²⁹Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or

stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

Acts 17:22-31

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

A reading from the First Letter of St Peter

¹³Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

1 Peter 3.13-22

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

God is love, let heaven adore him;

God is love, let earth rejoice;

let creation sing before him

and exalt him with one voice.

God who laid the earth's foundation,

God who spread the heav'ns above,

God who breathes through all creation:

God is love, eternal love.

God is love; and love enfolds us,
all the world in one embrace;
with unfailing grasp God holds us,
ev'ry child of ev'ry race.
And when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
then we find that selfsame aching
deep within the heart of God.

God is love; and though with blindness
sin afflicts all human life,
God's eternal loving-kindness
guides us through our earthly strife.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain:
God is love, so love forever
o'er the universe must reign.

Timothy Rees (1874 – 1939)

ODE TO JOY

Ludwig Van Beethoven (1770 – 1827)

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Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the first and the last and the living one;
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *John*. (✠)

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: ¹⁵'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ¹⁸I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live -- you also will live. ²⁰On that day, you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

John 14.15-21

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Some have argued with good reason that St John's Gospel is principally about the love of God as revealed in Jesus Christ. As John explains, love is God's gift of himself to us and our response, as Christians, is to love him in return, and in this way our love grows.

'They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them' (John 14:21).

Christian faith is not about keeping a book of rules; it is not even a simple set of beliefs. It is a living, loving, relationship with God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

In today's gospel, we hear mention of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and how the Spirit of God abides in us. Even though we cannot meet together in church at this time, even though many are in isolation and are even 'shielded', we are not alone in the world, as the Disciples had feared at the crucifixion. Jesus fulfilled his promises and reappeared numerous times at and after the resurrection. We're not alone in the world, as the Disciples feared at the Ascension, which we look towards in the coming week the Holy Spirit made itself known at Pentecost. We are not alone in the world, for the Spirit is with us and Christ comes to us. We must learn to be aware of, and to rejoice in, their presence and their *love*.

I wonder how often we fail to realise the cost of love in our lives, even in our own homes? I wonder how we respond to our partners, or our parents, or even our children, who have spent much of their lives giving themselves and indeed what they have to us? Many of the things that are done for us are not done out of compulsion, but out of love. But we should never take this for granted, and the only way to respond to such unconditional love is to reciprocate that love.

This of course, means taking our share of the hard work! Love is expressed in our actions, as well as in our prayer lives. We do not do such things because we have to – or because it is a rule of the house; we do them simply out of love.

True devotion is taking on some of the routine caring, the tedious tasks, the routine chores gracefully and even willingly, be it in our homes or other parts of our lives. Such acts are really only loving if they are, even in some small way, sacrificial. A failure in this work reveals a lack of sensitivity and a lack of personal response to the love shown to us by God and by those around us. Let's pray that we can better show God's love for us, in how we love those around us even better. Amen

The president says

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake
he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead (✠),
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

These responses may be used

In joy and hope let us pray to the Father.

We pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection of God, uniting with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Matthias, St Andrew, St Peter and St Paul and the whole company of heaven we join together praying

And at the end

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

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.

cf John 20.19

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you. Alleluia.

Offertory Hymn

Lord of beauty, thine the splendour (AMNS 106)

Lord of beauty, thine the splendour
Shewn in earth and sky and sea,
Burning sun and moonlight tender,
Hill and river, flower and tree:
Lest we fail our praise to render
Touch our eyes that they may see.

Lord of wisdom, whom obeying
Mighty waters ebb and flow,
While unhasting, undelaying,
Planets on their courses go:
In thy laws thyself displaying,
Teach our minds thyself to know.

Lord of life, alone sustaining
All below and all above,
Lord of love, by whose ordaining
Sun and stars sublimely move;
In our earthly spirits reigning,
Lift our hearts that we may love.

Lord of beauty, bid us own thee,
Lord of truth, our footsteps guide
Till as love our hearts enthrone thee,
And, with vision purified,
Lord of all, when all have known thee,
Thou in all art glorified.

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RHUDDLAN
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Preparation of the Table

Taking of the Bread and Wine

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.
In your loving care you spread before us the table of life
and give us the cup of salvation to drink.

Keep us always in the fold of our Saviour and our Shepherd,
your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessed be God for ever.

The president takes the bread and wine.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
and in these days of Easter
to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death and hell
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.

He has placed them once more in paradise
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.
And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of the BVM, St Matthias, St Andrew, St Peter and St Paul and all the
saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be
yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Seeking the salvation of the world,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father, in heaven, hallowed is your name;
your kingdom come; your will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

**And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.**

Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Agnus Dei

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion

The president says the invitation to communion

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink

in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

The president receives communion.

Spiritual Communion

Act of Spiritual Reception

In union, dear Father, with Christian people throughout the world and across the centuries gathered to make Eucharist, hearing your holy Word and receiving the Precious Body and Blood, I offer you praise and thanksgiving.

Even though I am exiled from tasting the Bread of Heaven and drinking the Cup of Life I pray that you will unite me with all the baptised and with your Son who gave his life for us. Come Lord Jesus, dwell in me and send your Holy Spirit that I may be filled with your presence. Amen.

O LORD and heavenly Father, we your humble servants entirely desire your fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching you to grant, that by the merits and death of your Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all your whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. **Amen.**

Post-Communion Hymn

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire (Veni, Creator Spiritus) (AMNS 93)

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
and lighten with celestial fire.
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

Thy blessed unction from above
is comfort, life, and fire of love.
Enable with perpetual light
the dullness of our blinded sight.

Anoint and cheer our soiled face
with the abundance of thy grace.
Keep far from foes, give peace at home:
where thou art guide, no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,
and thee, of both, to be but One,
that through the ages all along,
this may be our endless song:

Praise to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen

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Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen.

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.**

Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

Amen.

The Dismissal

Blessing

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;
and (✠) the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Final Hymn

At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow (AMNS 148)

At the name of Jesus
Every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess him
King of glory now:
'Tis the Father's pleasure
We should call him Lord,
Who from the beginning
Was the mighty Word.

At his voice creation
Sprang at once to sight,
All the angels faces
All the hosts of light,
Thrones and Dominations,
Stars upon their way,
All the heavenly orders,
In their great array.

Humbled for a season,
To receive a name
From the lips of sinners
Unto whom he came,
Faithfully he bore it
Spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious,
When from death he passed:

Bore it up triumphant
With its human light,
Through all ranks of creatures,
To the central height,
To the throne of Godhead,
To the Father's breast;
Filled it with the glory
Of that perfect rest.

Name him, brothers, name him,
With love as strong as death,
But with awe and wonder
And with bated breath:
He is God the Saviour,
He is Christ the Lord,
Ever to be worshipped,
Trusted, and adored.

In your hearts enthrone him;
There let him subdue
All that is not holy,
All that is not true:
Crown him as your captain
In temptation's hour;

Let his will enfold you
In its light and power.

Brothers, this Lord Jesus
Shall return again,
With his Father's glory,
With his angel train;
For all wreaths of empire
Meet upon his brow,
And our hearts confess him
King of glory now.

William Henry Monk (1832 – 1889)

EVELYNS

Caroline Maria Noel (1817 – 1877)

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