

Resurrection Gospel (3)

We shall bear the likeness of the man
from heaven



25th April 2021

1 Corinthians 15: 35 - 50



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Notices and welcome



Welcome and call to worship

‘But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.’ (Philippians 3:20-21).



Sing to God new songs of worship



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Opening prayer

God our source and guide and goal:
you have made us in your image and
set us in a world full of beauty; you
dwell in unapproachable light, yet
you have come among us, full of

grace and truth. You have revealed
yourself in our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Help us by your Spirit to worship you
in spirit and in truth; through Jesus
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Confession

The Bible tells us that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Rom. 3.23). If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will



forgive us our sins (1 John 1: 8-9).

Let us confess our sins and seek God's forgiveness.



**Almighty God, we confess before you
our own sin, the sin of the Church
and the sin of the world, in which we
share. We have not loved you with
our whole being; we have not loved
our neighbour as ourselves. In your
mercy, forgive us when we turn to**



you; release us from the burdens of the past, and remake us in your image and likeness through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation (2 Cor.: 5.17). Through him your sins are forgiven. **Amen. Thanks be to God.**



Offertory

Almighty God, out of the fulness of your gifts we bring before you this bread and wine, our gifts and our lives. Blessed be your holy name forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



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The Resurrection Body

35 But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come?” 36 How foolish! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. 37 When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a



seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else. 38 But God gives it a body as he has determined, and to each kind of seed he gives its own body. 39 Not all flesh is the same: People have one kind of flesh, animals have another, birds another and fish another. 40 There are also heavenly

bodies and there are earthly bodies;
but the splendour of the heavenly
bodies is one kind, and the splendour
of the earthly bodies is another. 41
The sun has one kind of splendour,
the moon another and the stars
another; and star differs from star in
splendour.



42 So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; 43 it is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; 44 it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.



If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. 45 So it is written: “The first man Adam became a living being”; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit. 46 The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual. 47 The first man was of the dust of the



earth; the second man is of heaven.
48 As was the earthly man, so are
those who are of the earth; and as is
the heavenly man, so also are those
who are of heaven. 49 And just as we
have borne the image of the earthly
man, so shall we bear the image of



the heavenly man.

50 I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable



This is the world of the Lord

Thanks be to God



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Prayers of Intercession

These are responsive prayers the
response to

“Resurrected Lord”

is

“Hear us and save us.”



THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

Here is love



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The peace

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace (Col. 3:15).

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



Holy Communion

As we gather at this table, we remember that Jesus was born of Mary; he lived our common life on earth; he suffered and died for us; on the third day God raised him from the dead; and he is always present with us through the Holy Spirit.



In his presence, and in the company of all the people of God, past, present, and to come, we celebrate the Supper of the Lord. 'Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me'
(Revelation 3: 20)

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our
God.

**It is right to give our thanks and
praise.**



We give thanks to you, O God, that from the earth you cause the grain to come for the making of bread and that you cause the vine to yield fruit. We praise you for Christ, the bread of life and true vine, whose body was given for us, and whose blood was poured out for us.

By your Holy Spirit sanctify us and these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread which we break may be the communion of the body of Christ, and the cup which we bless may be the communion of the blood of Christ. As we share the sufferings of Christ, so give us grace to know the power

of his resurrection, that we may be made one and evermore abide in him, to your praise and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

When Jesus had given thanks he broke the bread and said: 'Take, eat: this is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' When Jesus had given thanks, he gave the cup to his disciples and said: 'Drink this, all of you; for 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.'

Amen.

The Body of Christ broken for you.

The Blood of Christ shed for you.



Prayer after communion

**God of a love stronger than death,
you have given us new birth into a
living hope through the gift of your
Son. God with us, like a mother you
have fed us with yourself and**



strengthened us for the journey ahead. Now may the love which bids us welcome at this table gather all your children into one, in your eternal presence. Amen.



Name of all majesty



Closing prayer and blessing

Lord, we give ourselves to you; and we ask that our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom, and that our love may be your love reaching out into the life of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you and all whom you love, now and for evermore. **Amen.**



Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

