

Call to Worship

Jesus said: 'No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.'
So, let us join together as friends, Jesus' friends, to worship and serve the one who, because of his great love, gave his all for us.

Welcome

Lord Jesus, we come together today, from separate houses,
from one street and another, from one town to another, from one country to another.
We may have come with others,
we may have come alone;
At the moment we come together in spirit only,
but we all come as neighbours and friends.
We come as different but equal.
We come to worship you, our 'Ultimate Friend',
and to commit ourselves afresh to one another and to you.
Amen.

1st Hymn StF 531 by Joseph Scriven

What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Saviour, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
Do thy friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
In His arms He'll take and shield you,
You will find a solace there

Activity and Joys and Concerns



Sunday 9th May 2021



Christ Church Stocksbridge Together at Home

With
Green Moor & Crane Moor

Offertory Prayer

God of all,
we give you thanks for the gift of friendship:
for the giving and the receiving;
for the opportunities and the challenges;
for the laughter and the tears;
for the conversations and the silence;
for the moments and the memories.
Use are gifts to further spread your love and
friendship in this place, our community, our
country, our world.
Draw us deeper into your love,
and bless us with the confidence
to proclaim Jesus as our dearest friend, teacher
and Saviour.
We ask this in his name.
Amen.

Lectionary Readings for Easter 6

Acts 10.44-48; Psalm 98; John 15.9-17

1st Reading: Acts 10.44-48

2nd Hymn StF 330 by Issac Watts

Joy to the world! The Lord is come
Let earth receive her King!
Let every heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing

Joy to the world! The Saviour reigns
Let all their songs employ
While fields and floods
Rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
And wonders, wonders of His love

Word

Song: All I Am by Adam Howard

Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray

Lord, you promised through your son Jesus Christ, our saviour and friend, to hear us when we pray in faith.....

A prayer for the church

Strengthen your church in the service of Christ; that those who confess your name may be united in truth, live together in friendship and love and reveal your glory in the world. Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer

Prayers for the world and our country

Give wisdom to all in authority. Direct this and every nation, in the ways of justice and peace; That all may honour one another and seek the common good. Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer

Prayers of our community

Give grace to us, our families and friends, And to all our neighbours in Christ; That we may serve Christ in one another and love as he loves us. Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer

Prayers for those in need

Comfort and heal all those who suffer In body, mind or spirit Give them courage and hope in their troubles; And bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer

Prayers for those who have died

Hear us as we remember all those who have died in faith. According to your promises, grant us a share with them, in your eternal kingdom. Merciful father, accept these prayers, For the sake of your son, Our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. 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.

O Jesus, I have promised
To serve you to the end;
Lord be for ever near me,
My Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle
If you are by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If you will be my Guide.

O, let me feel you 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, now draw nearer,
And shield my soul from sin.

O, let me hear you speaking,
In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self-will;
O, speak to reassure me,
To hasten, or control;
Lord, speak, and make me listen,
O Guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, you hast promised
To all who follow you
That where you are in glory
Your servant shall be too;
And Jesus, I have promised
To serve you to the end;
O, give me grace to follow,
My Master and my Friend.

Closing Prayer & The Grace

Lord Jesus, we rejoice that you have chosen us to be your friends. Help us to be a friend to you by obeying your commands. As we go out into your world, help us to live a life that reflects your love, by being a friend to others. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, evermore. Amen

Vesper

**Take Oh take me as I am;
Summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.
Take Oh take me as I am;
Summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

Now let's all enjoy a coffee or tea together.