

Service for The Fifth Sunday of Easter: 10th May 2020

God of love, turn our hearts to your ways; and give us peace.
Amen.

Collect: 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

Readings: Acts, 7, 55-end; Psalm 31, 1-15; 1 Peter 2, 2-10; John 14 1-14

Prayers

O Lord, at this time we ask that the many sacrifices of young men and women during wartime be remembered. We ask that all those who are still suffering physically and emotionally as the result of the war be granted some relief from their suffering. Within our own villages, we give thanks for all the dedication of people who went to war for their country and we remember them now in the silence of our hearts. Amen

O Lord God, we also recognise that this was a war where several countries were involved and that there are people today who are remembering the loss and injury of their loved ones. We are all your children, and irrespective of their country or nationality we ask you to grant them peace as they remember the loss of their loved family and friends. Amen

God of compassion, your love for humanity was revealed in Jesus, whose earthly life began in the poverty of a stable and ended in the pain and isolation of the cross: we hold before you those who are homeless. Draw near and comfort them in spirit and bless those who work to provide them with shelter, food and friendship. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Our own commitment to peace

Lord God our Father, we pledge ourselves to serve you and all humankind, in the cause of peace, for the relief of want and suffering, and for the praise of your name. Guide us by your Spirit; give us wisdom; give us courage; give us hope; and keep us faithful now and always. Amen.