The Gloria

Seeing we have a great high priest who has passed through the heaven,

Jesus the Son of God, let us offer him the praise worthy of his name. 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. 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. 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.

Amen.

Ending

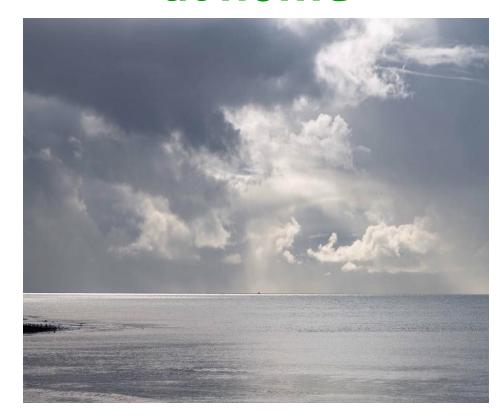
God be in my head, and in my understanding; God be in my eyes, and in my looking God be in my mouth, and in my speaking; God be in my heart, and in my thinking; God be at mine end, and at my departing.





The Blyth Valley Team Ministry

Ascension Day Service at home



An order of service for Ascension Day

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

Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ, to have ascended into the heavens, so we, in heart and mind may also ascend, and with him continually dwell; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Confession We reflect upon our shortcomings before God and saying....

Almighty God, long-suffering and of great goodness;
I confess to you with my whole heart
my neglect and forgetfulness of your commandments,
my wrong doing, thinking, and speaking;
the hurts I have done to others,
and the good I have left undone.
O God, forgive me, for I have sinned against you;
and raise me to newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

For forty days we have been celebrating with joyful hearts the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, his bursting from the tomb and his defeat of the power of sin and death. He appeared to his disciples many times and told them about the kingdom of God. Today we recall how he left this earth and returned to his Father, ascending into heaven to take his throne over all dominions and powers. Trusting in his reign over all creation, and submitting to his kingly yet loving rule, let us hear the story of his parting.

Prayers for concern at the moment

Let us share with Jesus our concerns for the Church, the world, the

local community, the sick or dying, those suffering anxiety for various reasons brought about by the present pandemic.......

Let us thank God for the many mercies we have received from his hand

Remembering we are one family in Christ we join in the prayer he taught

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Gives us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
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

Our Spiritual Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, pierce my soul with thy love so that I may always long for thee alone, who art the bread of angels and the fulfilment of the soul's deepest desires. May my heart always hunger and feed upon thee, so that my soul may be filled with the sweetness of thy presence. May my soul thirst for thee who art the source of life, wisdom, knowledge, light, and all the riches of God our father. May I always seek and find thee, think upon thee, speak to thee, and do all things for the honour and glory of thy holy name. Be always my only hope, my peace, my refuge and my help in whom my heart is rooted so that I may never be separated from thee.