



Order of Worship for Sunday 10 May 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter
Worship led by Derek Graham



Welcome and Notices

Lighting of the Peace Candle

Call to Worship – based on Psalm 66

Please join in the words in bold type if you wish:

Shout out to God, all the earth:

Break into joyful songs to the one true God!

Bless our God, all peoples:

Let us enter God's house with sacrifices of praise.

Let us praise the One who gives us life,

Who watches over us,

And keeps our feet from stumbling.

Come and hear, all you who love God

And proclaim what God has done for us.

♪ Hymn - Together through the Father's love

1. Together through the Father's love
we are one family.
His love in us, our love for him
holds all in unity.
Let us praise and sing
for he's good and true;
love and mercy flows.
From him all things are made new.
2. Together on the Jesus road,
we learn his servant heart,
discovering that humility
is where true blessing starts.
Let us walk his way
raise our voice in song
to the Love, whose love
is our joy and makes us one.
3. Together when the Spirit leads,
her whisper like a dove,
resisting our complacency
she kindles gifts of love.
Let the breath of life
spark in us a flame
for a hurting world
to find comfort for its pain.
4. We stand together on this day
and make our pledge in faith,
with hope for all the future holds
and trusting in your grace.
We will journey on
guided by your Word;
voices, hearts and lives
singing "Jesus Christ is Lord!"
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Prayers of approach, confession and the Lord's Prayer

Source of Life,
Father and Mother of us all:
Creation honours you!
May your Realm of Justice and Joy
Sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and for ever. Amen

Bible reading – John 14:15-21

Talk 1

♪ Anthem – If ye love me (J.D. Morris)

If ye love me, keep my commandments.
And I will pray the Father and He will give another
comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;
Even the Spirit of Truth; whom the world cannot receive,
because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him.
But ye know Him; for he dwelleth in you, and shall be in
you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

♪ Hymn – The Spirit lives to set us free (MP 664/StF 397)

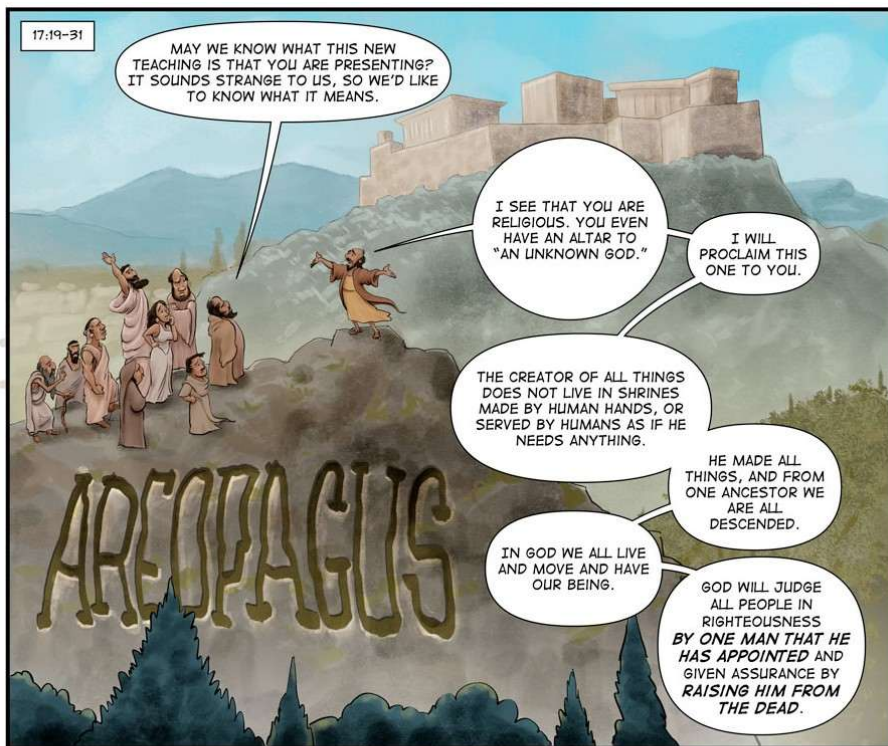
1. The Spirit lives to set us free,
walk, walk in the light;
He binds us all in unity,
walk, walk in the light.

*Walk in the light,
walk in the light,
walk in the light,
walk in the light of the Lord.*

2. Jesus promised life to all,
walk, walk in the light;
the dead were wakened by His call,
walk, walk in the light.
Walk in the light . . .
3. He died in pain on Calvary,
walk, walk in the light;
to save the lost like you and me,
walk, walk in the light.
Walk in the light . . .
4. We know His death was not the end,
walk, walk in the light;
He gave His Spirit to be our friend,
walk, walk in the light.
Walk in the light . . .
5. By Jesus' love our wounds are healed,
walk, walk in the light;
the Father's kindness is revealed,
walk, walk in the light.
Walk in the light . . .
6. The Spirit lives in you and me,
walk, walk in the light;
His light will shine for all to see,
walk, walk in the light.
Walk in the light . . .

Offering, thanksgiving and prayer for the children and young people *Junior Church and Youth Group leave*

Reading – Acts 17:16-32 (paraphrase from The Message)



♪ Hymn – Dear Lord and Father of mankind (R&S 492)
omitting verses 2 and 3

Talk 2

♪ Hymn – She sits like a bird, brooding on the waters
(CH4 593)

1. She sits like a bird, brooding on the waters, hovering on the chaos of the world's first day; she sighs and she sings, mothering creation, waiting to give birth to all the Word will say.
2. She wings over earth, resting where she wishes, lighting close at hand or soaring through the skies; she nests in the womb, welcoming each wonder, nourishing potential hidden to our eyes.
3. She dances in fire, startling her spectators, walking tongues of ecstasy where dumbness reigned; she weans and inspires all whose hearts are open, nor can she be captured, silenced or restrained.
4. For she is the Spirit, one with God in essence, gifted by the Saviour in eternal love; and she is the key opening the scriptures, enemy of apathy and heavenly dove.

"She sits like a bird, brooding on the waters" by John L Bell and Graham Maule.

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Prayers of intercession for our community and world

♪ Hymn – There's a Spirit in the air (R&S 329)

Blessing (with sung Amen)

A Prayer for Talking

*All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit
and began to speak in other languages,
as the Spirit gave them ability.
(Acts 2:4, NRSV)*

God,

**present in every conversation,
grant us through your Holy Spirit
new boldness in talking faith.**

**May all our speaking - and our listening -
serve you, the One**

through whom the Word became flesh.

Enable us to connect

**what we see and hear around us
with what we know of you in Jesus,
to help others come to know him too.**

**And may the words of faith we share with others
more closely reflect**

our faith in your Word to us in Christ.

We ask this in the name of Jesus,

trusting in the Spirit

to grant us the words we need.

Amen.



Geoffrey Clarke, Moderator



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*We give a very warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us today,
either in the sanctuary or on-line. If you are sitting next to a
microphone, it is in use.*

*This Service will be live-streamed and you may be seen on camera,
although we will not deliberately take any close-ups of the
congregation. By attending you agree to be seen in this way. If you
have any concerns, please speak with our Church Secretary.*

*If you are visiting for the first time, please do fill out a visitor's card,
which can be found on the end of the pews. We would be very pleased
to stay in touch with you.*

*Play-bags for our youngest friends are available for collection from the
vestibule. Please use these in the pews until our younger friends leave
for Junior Church.*

*We extend a very warm invitation to you all to join us after the Service
for coffee and friendship in our Fellowship Room downstairs. Please
leave the sanctuary by the door on the right at the front and turn
downstairs. There is a lift, if you require one. When using the lift,
please keep your finger on the button until you have arrived at your
destination.*

*If you would like to make a donation to support our Church's life and
witness, donations may be made by cash in the offertory bags hanging
on the end of the pews at the back of church or, at the end of the
Service, on the large offertory plate by the door leading to coffee.
Donations may also be made through the card reader on the shelf by
the right hand door at the back of Church.*

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