

Even though we are not  
together, we join in prayer...



Peace be with you  
**And with your spirit**



As we light our candles today, we remember that Jesus knows and loves  
each one of us



This week, the fifth Sunday of Easter, we are thinking about trust.

Today Jesus tells us that through him we will come to know God and that we should trust in him as we trust in God



## Opening prayer

Christ Jesus, open our hearts to trust in you, so that we may never be afraid to answer your call to love one another, and so that through you we may come closer to God.

**Amen**



Eternal Father,

Jesus our saviour, help us to trust in you  
Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

Jesus show us how to answer our call from God.  
Christ have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**

Jesus show us the way to love one another  
Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**



We welcome the Gospel as we sing Alleluia



Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.'

Alleluia!

The word of the Lord  
lasts forever  
What is the Word that is living?  
It is brought to us  
through God's Son  
Jesus Christ.



A reading from the Gospel according to John.  
**Glory to you O Lord**

"Do not be worried and upset," Jesus told them. "Believe in God and believe also in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house, and I am going to prepare a place for you. I would not tell you this if it were not so. And after I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to myself, so that you will be where I am. You know the way that leads to the place where I am going."

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going; so how can we know the way to get there?"

Jesus answered him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one goes to the Father except by me. Now that you have known me," he said to them, "you will know my Father also, and from now on you do know him and you have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father; that is all we need."

Jesus answered, "For a long time I have been with you all; yet you do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. Why, then, do you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe, Philip, that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I have spoken to you," Jesus said to his disciples, "do not come from me. The Father, who remains in me, does his own work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me. If not, believe because of the things I do. I am telling you the truth: those who believe in me will do what I do — yes, they will do even greater things, because I am going to the Father.

The word of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**



In today's gospel **Jesus** is telling the disciples that he is the son of God, his disciples find this difficult to understand. **Jesus** tells them not to worry, to trust in him.

**Trusting** someone means believing that they are always there for us, that they are always willing to help us, that they will comfort us when we are upset or frightened. We all need people in our lives that we **trust**.

Who do you **trust**?

How does it feel when someone breaks your **trust**?

Do other people **trust** you? How can we help other people to **trust** in us?





We can also ***trust*** in ***God***. We know that ***God*** is always there for us and wants what's best for us. ***God*** is always ready to listen.

How can we share our worries with ***God***? How can we show our ***trust*** in ***God***?

We can talk to ***God*** through prayer. When we pray we can share all our worries and fears and also all our joys and hopes with ***God***.

We can show our trust in ***God*** by listening to what Jesus asks of us and trying to follow him. By loving one another and by doing what is right, we are doing what ***God*** wants us to do.

This week how will you show your ***trust*** in ***God***?

***This week what will you do for the people who trust in you?***



## Bidding Prayers

We share our worries, fear, hopes and joys together as we pray as one loving family..

We pray for the Church and her leaders; may they trust in the Lord to show them the way..

**Lord, in your mercy...hear our prayer.**

For the nations of the world; may they share their science and resources so the weakest can be kept safe.

**Lord, in your mercy...hear our prayer.**

For those who are risking their lives so that others can be made well and for those who have lost loved ones

**Lord, in your mercy...hear our prayer.**

In this anniversary year marking Victory in Europe we pray for all those who sacrificed themselves for us and the families and loved ones they left behind.

**Lord in your Mercy...hear our prayer**

Knowing that our heavenly Father is listening, in the silence of hearts let us share our own unspoken prayers with him.

In this month of May we ask Our Lady to join our prayers together with hers as we say: Hail Mary.....

# Closing Prayer

God of life, we thank you for being there for us always.  
Help us to do all that you ask of us and to love one another,  
so that all people may have someone to trust.

Amen.

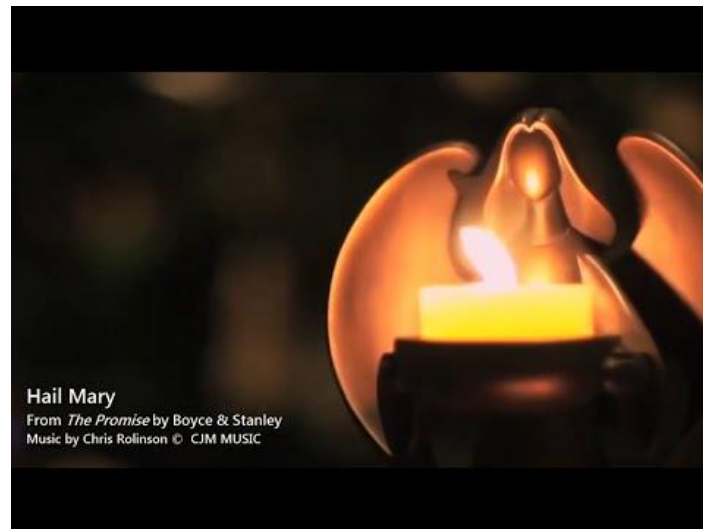


This week let us be witness to our Gospel values by:

Showing patience to our family and friends: that through our actions we may show that we trust and believe in God.

In this month of May we try to get closer to Mary.

We close our liturgy today in her name.



Hail Mary  
From *The Promise* by Boyce & Stanley  
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May you go in the peace and  
love of Christ...

