

WARWICK SCHOOL CHAPEL

“At His Ascension, our Lord entered Heaven - and He keeps the door open for all humanity to enter. We need only to wait and to follow.”

- **Oswald Chambers (1874-1917), Scottish Baptist Theologian**

ACCLAMATION

Chaplain: The night has passed and the day lies open before us, let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

Chaplain: As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever.

All: Amen.

RESPONSORY (from **Psalm 57**)

Chaplain: “Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!”

All: “Let your glory be known over all the earth!”

All: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

A reading from the *Gospel of Luke*, Chapter 24, verses 44-53:

Before He left them, Jesus opened the disciples’ minds to understand the Scriptures and He said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold,

I am sending the promise of my Father—the Holy Spirit—upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high. And then

He led them out, and they followed Him as far as Bethany. There, He lifted his hands and He blessed them. While He blessed them, He parted from them and was carried up into Heaven. And they worshiped Him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION

PRAYERS

Leader:

God of power, may the boldness of your Spirit transform us, may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us, may the gifts of your Spirit equip us to serve and worship you now and always.

We pray this day for a fresh outpouring of God's Holy Spirit upon our world, our nation, our communities, our School, our homes and our hearts.

Help us and all for whom we pray to be guided by the fruits of the Spirit, give us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control in all that we say and do.

Lord, we pray today particularly for the gift of patience. Help us to be patience with ourselves and those around us. Bless us as we wait and wade through these challenging times. Give us the strength to stay focussed, faithful and hopeful.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Risen Christ, who reigns in glory, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

“THINE BE THE GLORY”

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won;
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

Refrain:

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry thou o’er death hast won.*

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
Let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:

Refrain

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;
Life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife,
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:

Refrain

BLESSING





