



Worship for Sunday 26th April 2020

Welcome

Good morning and welcome to worship on this the third Sunday of Easter, it is lovely to have you with us. Our gospel reading today comes from Luke and tells of another encounter with the risen Christ. This time the encounter takes place on a road but once again we see Jesus come alongside the disciples and meet them where they are. As we prepare for worship let us take a minute to be still in God's presence.

Call to worship

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

The Lord be with you **and also with you**

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Come, walk with him. Come, talk with him. Come, feast with him. Come, worship Jesus, our risen Lord.

Hymn: Rejoice the Lord is King

All: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of Penitence (taken from our Eastertide service sheet)

I have made a video of the confession.

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord, we come to you in sorrow for our sins, and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

Silence is kept

Like Mary at the empty tomb, we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence, Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Like the disciples behind locked doors, we are afraid to be seen as your followers. Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Like Thomas in the upper room, we are slow to believe. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect for 3rd Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

Bible Reading: Acts 2: 14a, 36-41

Hymn: Brother, Sister let me serve you

Reading: Luke 24: 13-35

Talk

I have made a video of the talk.

Declaring Our Faith

**We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and earth is named.
We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.
We believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen**

Hymn: Before the throne of God I come

Prayers

I have made a video of the prayers.

The response to the prayers today is Risen Lord, **fill our hearts with Easter Joy.**

Risen Lord, you set ablaze the hearts of your disciples with awe and wonder at your resurrection. Open the eyes of your church to this astounding news, may it encourage us to share the gospel with others in word and deed. We pray for the church throughout the world, for our Archbishops Justin and John, our Bishops Rachel and Robert and all church leaders. Inspire and strengthen your church as it seeks to be and engage differently during this time. Fill our voices with joy that you are risen indeed. Risen Lord, **fill our hearts with Easter Joy.**

Risen Lord, we bring before you the leaders of the nations grant them the gift of wisdom, integrity and grace as they seek to lead at this difficult and challenging time. We pray for those who live in places where there is violence and war, poverty and famine, and where there is poor sanitation and public health systems. Inspire the world to work together to support the vulnerable and show us ways in which we can help to make the world a better place. Risen Lord, **fill our hearts with Easter Joy.**

Risen Lord, you drew alongside confused disciples as they journeyed to Emmaus. Give grace to all who accompany others in their searching, for all who share their table and offer hospitality, we give you thanks. We pray for the work of the Foodbank and other charities as they seek to bring relief to those in need, grant them the resources they need to continue their good work. We bring before you the communities of which we are apart, we pray that they may be places of love, hope and compassion. We give thanks for the hard works and dedication of our key workers and we ask that you give them the resources they need stay safe and to help others.

Risen Lord, **fill our hearts with Easter Joy.**

Risen Lord, you incline your ear to all who call upon you. We pray for all those affected by the Coronavirus, for those who are ill and their families and friends, for those struggling with isolation, for those who are surrounded by fear and anxiety, those in unsafe home situations and those struggling with their mental health and well-being, may they know your presence with them and see the light and love all around. We bring before you all who are suffering weather in body, mind or spirit and a moment of silence we name before you any that we know who are in particular need this day. *Silence.* Surround them with your healing and love.

Risen Lord, **fill our hearts with Easter Joy.**

Risen Lord, you come to your disciples in the darkness and impaired vision of their grief. Come close to all whose hearts are anguished by loss, who are struggling with grief, bring to them your comfort and hope. We give thanks for the lives of those who have recently died naming before you those known to us. *Silence.* We give thanks for all that they meant to their family and friends. Bring us to rejoice in your eternal kingdom. Risen Lord, **fill our hearts with Easter Joy.**

We now have a moment of silence as we bring our own prayers to God. *Silence.*

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your son our saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

Peace (Taken from our Eastertide service sheet)

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then they were glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia! the peace of the risen Christ be always with you. **And also with you. Alleluia.**

Let us offer one another a sign of God's peace.

I know that we are not together physically today and not able to share the peace in our normal way. However, this does not mean that we are not able to share the peace. Bring to mind members of our church family and as you do wish them God's peace. "..... (the name of a member of our church family) God's peace be with you.

Hymn: We have a gospel to proclaim

Lord Jesus, as you walked on the road to Emmaus, walk with us on the roads we travel. Help us to know your presence with us, and to be your presence to others. And, at the end of the day, may we all enjoy the feast. **Amen**

We go out (Taken from our Eastertide service sheet)

God the father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen us to walk with him in his risen life; And the blessing of God almighty the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always. **Amen.**

With the risen life of Christ within you, go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Optional Task for the week - Coffee time

At a time of day when, under different circumstances, you might have joined others for tea or coffee (e.g. at home, after church, or in a cafe), arrange a virtual tea/coffee meet-up with someone either on the phone or over the internet. Share stories about yourselves (e.g. where you grew up, how you first came to live where you do, how you came to church, when you first called yourself a Christian). Take time to really listen to one another.

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