



## Worship for Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Good morning and welcome to our service on this the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter. Welcome, it is lovely to have you with us as we gather to worship our loving God. Let us take a moment to still ourselves in the presence of God so that we are ready for worship this morning.

### 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. Alleluia.**

### Hymn: Come people of the risen King

Almighty God, your Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence. Give us new hearts and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### Prayers of Penitence

The sun of righteousness has dawned with healing in his wings. Let us come to the light of Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith. *Silence.*

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 closed doors, we are afraid to be seen as your disciples.

Christ have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**

Like Thomas in the upper room, we are slow to believe.

Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

May the God of love bring us back to himself, forgive us our sins and assure us of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### Collect for the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

### Reading: Acts 3: 12-19

### Hymn: Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heaven

### Reading: Luke 24: 36b-48

### Talk

I have made a video of the talk.

### Creed

**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: From the sun's rising**

## **Prayers**

I have made a video of the prayers.

Risen Lord, we pray for your church throughout the world remembering especially our archbishops Justin and Stephen, Bishops Rachel and Robert, for all church leaders and for our church family here in the Churnside benefice. Give us grace and courage to proclaim with words and deeds your Gospel with steadfastness and joy. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Risen Lord, give to all leaders and heads of state graciousness and integrity, that all in power and authority may undertake their duties in a spirit of humility; that the oppressed may find a voice, and the nations work together for the good of the world. We remember the areas of our world where there is violence and war, political and civil unrest, poverty and famine, and pray that all may know peace, justice and light in their lives. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Risen Lord, give to our homes and our places of work and leisure your harmony and peace, give us grace to respect one another and ourselves in the way we talk and think, and in the way we behave. We pray for our local schools as they prepare to return after the Easter Holidays and for all those who care for and nurture children and young people. We bring before you all those who have found this week particularly difficult and challenging and ask that you bring to them the support, friendship and kindness they need. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Risen Lord, speak your peace into the hearts of all who are agitated, anxious or confused. We remember all those who are waiting for operations or a diagnosis, all those undergoing treatment and medical tests and all those who are coming to the end of their lives. In a moment of silence, we name before you any we know who are suffering this day whether in body, mind or spirit. *Silence.* Surround them and those who love and care for them with your reassurance, love, peace and comfort. **Lord in your mercy.** Hear our prayer.

Risen Lord, we give thank for the lives of all those who have recently died and we pray for all those who are grieving at this time, remembering especially the Queen and other members of the Royal family. Surround them with your love, comfort and hope. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Risen Lord, in a moment of silence and stillness we offer our own prayers to God. *Silence.* Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

### **The peace**

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the lord. Alleluia. The peace of the Lord be always with you, **and also with you.** Let us offer one another a sign of 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: O for a thousand tongues to sing**

## **We go out**

May you go with the blessing of God the Father, to witness to Jesus the Son and be empowered by the Holy Spirit, today and always. **Amen**

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

With the power that raised Jesus from the dead at work with in you, go in peace to love and service the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia. **Thanks be to God Alleluia. Alleluia.**

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