

Church Worship – 3rd Sunday of Easter 26th April

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Welcome [CLICK](#)

Although divided by geography/isolation we are one people Praise the Lord!

O Lord, open our lips **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**
In your resurrection, O Christ, **let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia.**

This opening prayer may be said

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

Silence is kept.

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. **Amen.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,
to you be praise and glory for ever.
As once you ransomed your people from Egypt
and led them to freedom in the promised land,
so now you have delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your risen Son.
May we, the first fruits of your new creation,
rejoice in this new day you have made,
and praise you for your mighty acts.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Hymn – Song **O praise ye the Lord** [CLICK](#)

Confession [CLICK](#)

**Lord God, we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

cf Psalm 51

Prayer for forgiveness

May the Father of all mercies cleanse *us* from *our* sins,
and restore *us* in his image to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Song – Such love [CLICK](#)

Psalm 116: 1-7

¹ *I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.*

² *Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.*

³ *The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came over me;
I was overcome by distress and sorrow.*

⁴ *Then I called on the name of the Lord: "Lord, save me!"*

⁵ *The Lord is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion.*

⁶ *The Lord protects the unwary; when I was brought low, he saved me.*

⁷ *Return to your rest, my soul, for the Lord has been good to you.*

**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**

Time of Sharing – a testimony from Facebook [CLICK](#)

HYMN – I give you all the honour [CLICK](#)

Bible Reading - Luke 24: 13-35 [CLICK](#)

On the Road to Emmaus

¹³ *Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶ but they were kept from recognizing him.*

¹⁷ *He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸ One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"*

¹⁹ *"What things?" he asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. ²⁰ The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹ but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. ²² In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³ but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴ Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."*

²⁵ *He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.*

²⁸ *As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.*

³⁰ *When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³² They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"*

³³ *They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴ and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." ³⁵ Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.*

Address – Bishop Jo [CLICK](#)

Hymn – How deep the Father’s love for us [CLICK](#)

CREED [CLICK](#)

Let us affirm our faith together in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

cf Philipians 2.6-11

Time for your own Prayers

What we’ve been paying for [CLICK](#)

quiet music [CLICK](#) *(Fade/end to suit)*

The Lord's Prayer [CLICK](#)

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn – Song O Jesus I have promised [CLICK](#)

Offering prayer [CLICK](#)

God of all goodness and grace,
all things come from you, and of your own have we given you.
receive the gifts we offer;
grant that our whole life may give you glory and praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The collect - a special prayer for each Sunday

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,

that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A prayer for all those affected by coronavirus

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing Prayer

Eternal God and Father,
by whose power we are created and by whose love we are redeemed:
guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,
that we may give ourselves to your service,
and live this day in love to one another and to you;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

Music (*fade it out to suit*) [CLICK](#)

END - a quality cup of coffee.....

EXTRAS

Contemporary Songs to listen to during the week and an interview

A new hymn sent by Mary Seaton who has visited us over the years [CLICK](#)

Korean atheist – a fairly long testimony - [CLICK](#)