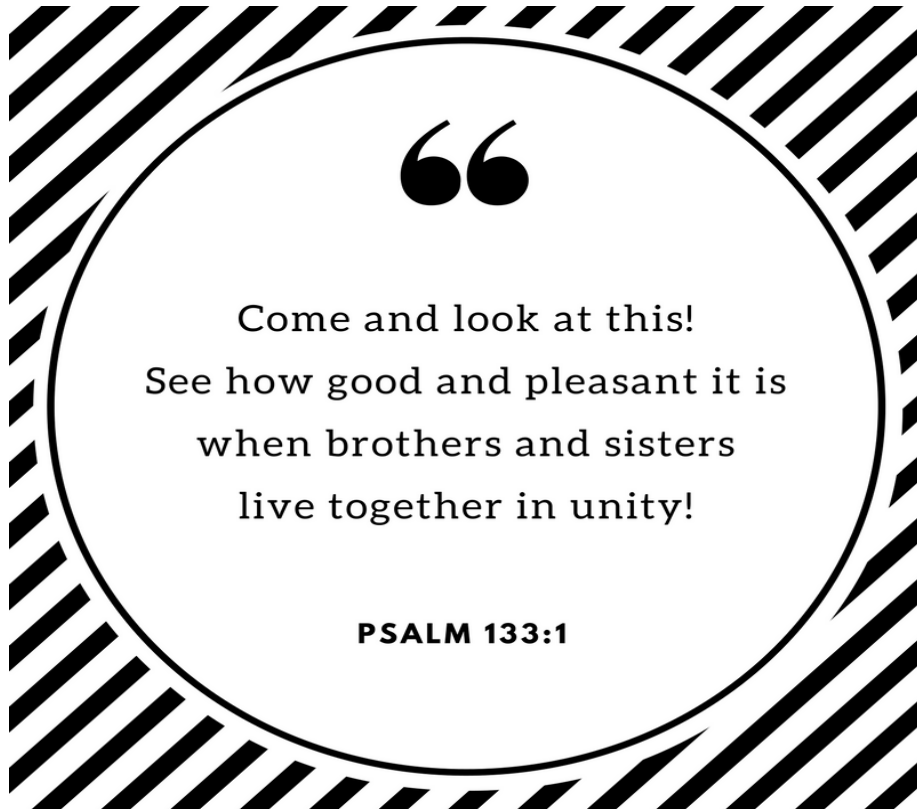


# Sunday Morning Worship

*19<sup>th</sup> April 2020*

*The Second Sunday of Easter*



*Please come with us on a journey of prayer, praise and worship this morning.  
Join in with us at home by using this service sheet.*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead...

1 Peter 1:3

Loving God, we have come before you, wherever we are this morning, to worship you together.

Help us to pray to you in faith,  
to sing your praise with gratitude,  
and to listen to your word with eagerness;  
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Opening Worship- Christ is Mine Forevermore*

*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.  
We have lived by our own strength,  
and not by the power of your resurrection.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,  
as faithless and not believing.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone,  
and doubted our home in heaven.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

*Absolution*

*Psalm*

*133*

*Affirmation of Faith*

Listen to these words of faith and belief and affirm them in your heart.  
Holy, holy, holy  
is the Lord God almighty,  
who was, and is, and is to come.

We believe in God the Father, who created all things:  
for by his will they were created  
and have their being.

We believe in God the Son, who was slain:  
for with his blood,  
he purchased us for God,  
from every tribe and language,

from every people and nation.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:  
the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'  
Even so come, Lord Jesus!

**Amen.**

*Bible Readings – 1 Corinthians 1:10-17*

*Sermon*

*Collect of the Day*

Almighty Father,  
you have given your only Son to die for our sins  
and to rise again for our justification:  
Grant us so to put away the leaven  
of malice and wickedness  
that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth;  
through the merits of your Son  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Prayers and Intercessions*

Sovereign God, we thank You for the reality and joy of Easter. We continue to celebrate Your precious Son's death and resurrection today. We thank You that Easter is a reality that makes the ultimate difference to our lives – the victory of good over evil, love over hate, life over death; the turning of weakness into strength, of fear into courage, of doubt into faith; a new beginning where it had seemed like the end, new hope where there had seemed despair, new confidence where there had been confusion.

Sovereign God, we thank You that Easter is not just some event that happened long ago. The reality of Easter and of Your Son's resurrection is one that is awesome and as powerful today as it was then. Help us to live our lives today as ransomed and redeemed people; teach us to live as Your Easter people each day.

Help us, we pray, to live each day in the light of Easter, with its joy bubbling up in our hearts, its laughter and celebration shining from our eyes and its message always on our lips. May those around us see the difference it has made in us and discover the difference it can make for them. Father, teach us to live every day to its fullest, as your Easter people, to the glory of Your name. Amen.

We remember before You, Risen Lord Jesus, all those known to us who are currently working on the frontline against this virus. Protect and guide all those who work in key roles to protect our health and safety, to treat the sick and to ensure that vital services remain open. Bless those known to us who are ill at this time, those in hospital, at home or in nursing care. We ask that You would comfort those who mourn, those who are lonely and isolated and those who find this situation particularly stressful and distressing. We thank You, Lord, that You can turn our weakness into strength. Grant us all courage and fortitude to face the coming weeks. May we be people of compassion and care for people around us. May we truly be Your hands and feet here on earth.

We pray for our leaders; for those who have to make tough decisions for the good of us all. We pray for wisdom, discernment, integrity and a sense of calm for those in local, national and global politics and government. We ask for clarity and Your wisdom in how these leaders can help stop the spread of Covid-19 and protect us all, especially the most vulnerable in society. We ask for provision and release of resources that will help maintain, protect and sustain our health system. Jesus we ask for courage where courage is needed and patience where patience is required. We pray that these men and women lead well and are supported and encouraged by the public and Your Church. Amen.

### *The Lord's Prayer*

Wherever we are now, we use the words that our Lord and Saviour Himself taught us to pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

*Closing Worship – Ancient of Days*

*Closing Prayer*

The love of the Lord Jesus  
draw us to himself,  
the power of the Lord Jesus  
strengthen us in his service,  
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill our hearts;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among us and remain with us always.  
**Amen.**

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