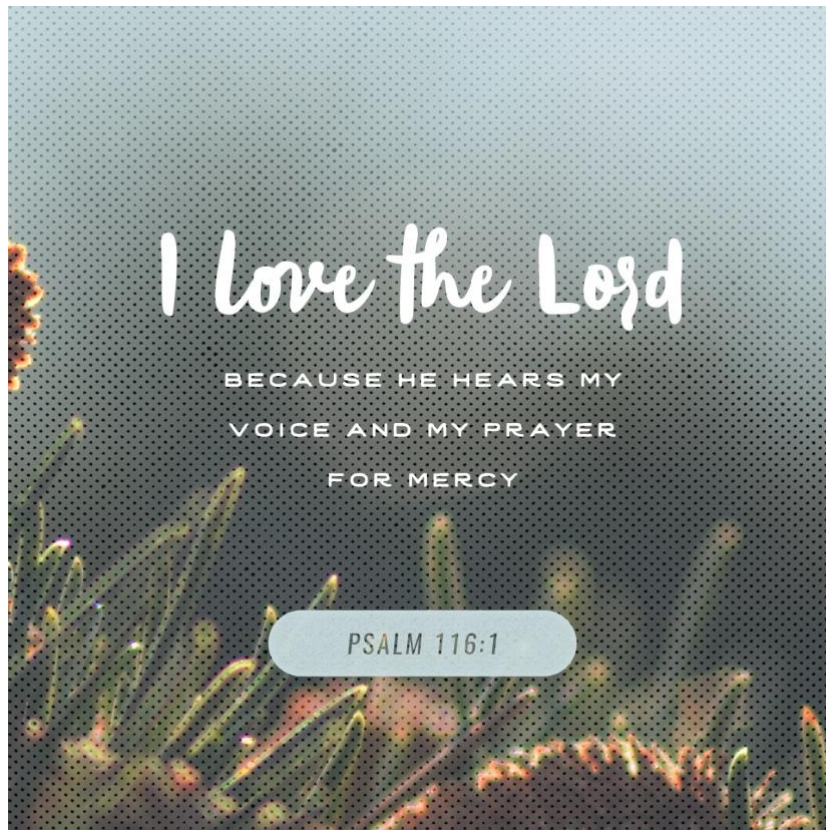


Sunday Morning Worship

26th April 2020

The Third 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.*

Lord Jesus, or risen Saviour,
we rejoice in Your mighty victory
 over sin and death:
You are the Prince of Peace;
You are alive for evermore.
Help us to know Your presence
 in our worship,
and to receive Your power in our lives;
until we arise to live with You forever. **Amen.**

Opening Worship – Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

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 116: 1-3, 10-

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Affirmation of Faith

We now declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Listen to these words of faith and belief and affirm them in your heart.

We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on 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.

Bible Readings – Luke 24: 13-35

Sermon

Collect of the Day

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 our Lord.

Prayers and Intercessions

Our Lord Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, we praise You for changed lives and new hopes at Easter:

You came to Mary in the garden, and turned her tears into joy.

You came to the disciples in the upper room, and turned their fear into courage.

You came to the disciples by the lakeside, and turned their failure into faith.

You came to the disciples on the Emmaus road, and turned their despair into hope.

You come to us in our unworthiness and shame, and turn our weakness into triumph.

Lord Jesus, wherever there are tears, or fear, or failure, or despair, or weakness: come and reveal to us Your love, Your mercy, and Your risen power; for the glory of Your name. **Amen.**

Father God, we continue to pray for those close to us who are suffering at this time; for those who are bereaved, ill or lonely. Be their comforter and their guide. Be upon them in Your grace and Your mercy.

We pray for those working on the frontline; for those who guard our safety and protect our health; for those who make sure that our most vital services remain open.

Grant us patience and grace as we continue through the coming weeks. Build us up together as Your Church, in our homes and in our families. Guide us through the challenge times that we may emerge from this situation stronger in our faith and ready to face a new time in the history of Your world.

So, draw close to us Father now as we bring our time of prayer to an end. Speak to us today, be present in our daily lives, inspire our hearts and renew our confidence. We ask all these things in the power of Your Son's name and by Your Spirit.

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 – The Lord's Shepherd

Closing Blessing

Go in peace, be very courageous;
hold on to what is good;
do not return evil for evil;
strengthen the faint-hearted;
support the weak, help the afflicted;
honour all people, love and serve the Lord;
rejoicing in His mighty resurrection by the power of the Holy Spirit;
and by the grace of the Lord Jesus be with you all.

Amen.

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