

# Sunday Morning Worship

*5th April 2020*



*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.*

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- Blessed Assurance*

*Confession*

God our Father,  
we come to you in sorrow for our sins.  
For turning away from you,  
and ignoring your will for our lives;

We ask for Your forgiveness.

For behaving just as we wish,  
without thinking of you;  
We ask for Your forgiveness.

For failing you by what we do,  
and think and say;  
We ask for Your forgiveness.

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you  
by temptations in the world about us;  
We ask for Your forgiveness.

For living as if we were ashamed  
to belong to your Son;  
We ask for Your forgiveness.

**Amen.**

*Absolution*

*Psalm 118: 1-2 and 19-29*

*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*

*Matthew 21:6-11 and Romans 8:33-39*

*Sermon*

*Collect of the Day*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who, in your tender love towards the human race,  
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
to take upon him our flesh  
and to suffer death upon the cross:  
Grant that we may follow the example  
of his patience and humility,  
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Prayers and Intercessions*

Loving God, we join this day in glad and joyful praise. We welcome Christ once more as our King, our Lord and Saviour. Lord Jesus Christ, we offer you our devotion and our love; our worship and our wonder. We cry "Hosanna, to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Lord Jesus Christ, we ask You to come into our hearts this day. Cleanse us from all that is wrong, impure and unworthy; from all that keeps us from You. We ask You to be present with us, Your Church, this morning. In these tough times, fill us with Your love, Your humility, and faith. Build us up as the family of God – the Church – a strong community of faith, hope and love.

Heavenly Father, we pray especially for our world and for our community at this time. We pray for those who are finding these circumstances particularly difficult; those who are especially isolated and are feeling lonely and distressed. Be their strength and courage today.

We pray also for all key workers who continue to work for us all. Bless them with grace and patience; energy and strength. We pray for our NHS and frontline staff; for all those facing Covid-19 on a daily basis. Father we pray for all those who suffer and for their family and friends.

As we prayed last Sunday, we ask that You would empower us to live as Your hands and feet here on earth. Lord, shape us into people of compassion and love for those around us. Give us strength in these challenging times – a sureness of purpose and a clearness of heart and mind.

As we gather our prayers together, we take a quiet moment, wherever we are, to offer You the prayers of our own hearts.

So Father God, on this Palm Sunday, we welcome Your Son as our Prince of Peace; our King of Kings; the Servant of all; the Lord of all; our all-in-all! We again say “Hosanna, to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

### *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 – Living Hope*

*Closing Prayer*

*The Lord God almighty is our Father:*

*he loves us and tenderly cares for us.*

*The Lord Jesus Christ is our Saviour:*

*he has redeemed us and will defend us to the end.*

*The Lord, the Holy Spirit, is among us:*

*he will lead us in God's holy way.*

*To God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,*

*be praise and glory today and forever.*

***Amen.***