

Sunday Morning Worship

3rd May 2020

The Fourth 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.*

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
In His great mercy
He has given us new birth
into a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ
from the dead. **Amen.**

Opening Worship – Amazing Grace

Confession

Please join in with the response to 'Father God' –

'We ask for your forgiveness'

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

We ask for Your forgiveness.

For behaving just as we wish,
without thinking of you;
Father God -

We ask for Your forgiveness.

For failing you by what we do,
and think and say;
Father God -

We ask for Your forgiveness.

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you
by temptations in the world about us;
Father God -

We ask for Your forgiveness.

For living as if we were ashamed
to belong to your Son;
Father God -

We ask for Your forgiveness.

Amen.

Absolution

Psalm 23

Affirmation of Faith

If you are able please stand as we affirm our faith:
We join together to say:

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 Reading – 2 Kings 6:24 – 7:11

Sermon

Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
Raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayers and Intercessions

Lord Jesus, our risen Saviour, we rejoice in Your might victory over sin and death. You are the Prince of Peace and You are alive forevermore. Help us to know Your presence in our worship, prayer and praise this day. Help us to receive Your power in our lives, until the day we see you face to face. **Amen.**

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. Lift our minds above earthly things and set them on things above. Show us Your glory

and Your power that we may serve You gladly. 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 this challenge— a sureness of purpose and a clearness of heart and mind. May the Holy Spirit be upon us and within us as our guide and counsellor as we navigate through these circumstances.

Heavenly Father, we pray for our world, our nation and for our community at this strange and challenging time. We pray for those who are finding this situation 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 gather our prayers together, we take a quiet moment, wherever we are, to offer You the prayers of our own hearts.

The Lord's Prayer

Wherever we are now, we use the words that our Lord and Saviour Himself taught us to pray. Let's say together:

**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 – Good, Good Father

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.

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