

WORSHIP TOGETHER
10 am - Sunday 14th April 2024
3rd Sunday of Easter



Welcome

Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."
Luke 24:36

All **Almighty God, reveal yourself to us as we listen to your word in Scripture and preaching, and respond to you in prayer and song. Make yourself known to us, as we recall the stories of our faith and witness to the faith we have in you. Help us to recognise you in one another in the fellowship we share. Amen.**

Sing **Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!**

Now is the triumph of our King.
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord of Life is risen for ay:
bring flowers of song to strew his way;
let all the earth rejoice and say

Praise we in songs of victory
that Love, that Life, which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high

Thy name we bless, O risen Lord,
and sing today with one accord
the life laid down, the life restored:

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Confession

Christ came to take away our sin, that we might be forgiven: for the wrong we have done, for unkind thoughts and the harsh words we have spoken.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ came to conquer sin: that the world might be healed of its conflict and brutality, of its wickedness and deception and of all that brings harm.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Christ came to reveal God's purposes: that we might turn again to those which nurtures and supports, brings peace and security, and seeks the good of all.

All **Lord, have mercy. Have mercy on us, and cleanse us of all our sin. For we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.**

May the Father forgive us by the death of his Son and strengthen us to live in the power of the Spirit all our days.

All **Amen.**

The collect for the 3rd Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:

strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

All Amen.

Song Be Still for the presence of the Lord,

the Holy One, is here;
come bow before Him now
with reverence and fear:
in Him no sin is found
we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here

Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire,
with splendour He is crowned:
how awesome is the sight-
our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place:
He comes to cleanse and heal,
To minister His grace.
No work too hard for Him,
in faith receive from Him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.

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First Reading

Acts 3:11-19 (follows on from Peter & John healing the lame man)

While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade. When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see. "Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.

For the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Sing Jesus stand among us
At the meeting of our lives
Be our sweet agreement
At the meeting of our eyes

*O Jesus we love You
So we gather here
Join our hearts in unity
And take away our fear*

So to You we're gathering
Out of each and every land
Christ the love between us
At the joining of our hands

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Second Reading

Luke 24:35-48 (follows on from the road to Emmaus)

Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognised by them when he broke the bread. While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence. He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

For the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Talk

Song All I once held dear, built my life upon,
all this world reveres, and wars to own,
all I once thought gain I have counted loss;
spent and worthless now, compared to this

*Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You,
there is no greater thing,
you're my all, You're the best,
you're my joy, my righteousness,
and I love You, Lord, love You, Lord*

Now my heart's desire is to know You more,
to be found in You and known as Yours.
To possess by faith what I could not earn,
all surpassing gift of righteousness.

Oh, to know the pow'r of Your risen life,
and to know You in Your sufferings.
To become like You in Your death, my Lord,
so with You to live and never die.

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Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; he was buried; he was raised to life on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures; afterwards he appeared to his followers, and to all the apostles; this we have received, and this we believe. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Lord's Prayer

All 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.

Birthdays & Notices

Sing I cannot tell why He, whom angels worship,
should set His love upon the sons of men,
or why, as Shepherd, He should seek the wanderers,
to bring them back, they know not how or when.
But this I know, that He was born of Mary
when Bethl'em's manger was His only home,
and that He lived at Nazareth and laboured,
and so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come.

I cannot tell How silently He suffered,
as with his peace He graced this place of tears,
or how His heart upon the cross was broken,
the crown of pain to three and thirty years.
But this I know, He heals the broken-hearted
and stays our sin and calms our lurking fear
and lifts the burden from the heavy laden;
for yet the Saviour, Saviour of the world is here.

I cannot tell how He will win the nations,
how He will claim his earthly heritage,
how satisfy the needs and aspirations
of east and west, of sinner and of sage.
But this I know, all flesh shall see His glory,

and He shall reap the harvest He has sown,
and some glad day His sun will shine in splendour
when He the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is known.

I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,
when at His bidding every storm is stilled,
or who can say how great the jubilation
when all the hearts of men with love are filled.
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,
and myriad myriad human voices sing,
and earth to heaven, and heaven to earth, will answer,
'at last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King!'

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All Just as the risen Christ appeared to his disciples, bringing them his peace and sending them out as witnesses, so you are sent out to witness to his life, death and resurrection. Amen.

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always.

All Amen.

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