



## SERVICE ORDER

Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April  
Third Sunday After Easter



### WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Lord God, your own Son was humiliated  
to lift up fallen humanity and to rescue us  
from the dangers of everlasting death.  
Give eternal joy to your faithful people.  
We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.  
Amen.

### OPENING SENTENCE: PSALM 116:12, 17

*What can I give to the lord for all the good things he has given to me?  
I will give you an offering to show thanks to you,  
and I will pray to the lord.*

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I will give you an offering to show thanks to you,  
and I will pray to the lord.***

### INVOCATION

*In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.*

### THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

**The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is His new creation By water and the Word:  
From heaven He came and sought her To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.**

**Elect from every nation, Yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation One Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses With every grace endued.**

**Though with a scornful wonder Men see her sore oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping, Their cry goes up, 'How long?'  
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.**

**Mid toil and tribulation, And tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation Of peace for evermore;  
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.**

**Yet she on earth hath union With God the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
Like them the meek and lowly, On high may dwell with Thee.**

Samuel John Stone (1839-1900)  
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### **CONFESSION**

*Let us draw near to God our Father with a true heart to confess our sins,  
and ask Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.*

**Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor helpless sinner, confess to You all my sins,  
and repent of all the evil I have done. I have deeply displeased You and deserve Your  
punishment in time and in eternity. But I am sorry for my sins, and I ask You, for the  
sake of the holy innocent sufferings and death of Your dear Son Jesus Christ, to be  
gracious and merciful to me. Amen.**

*Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us, and has given His only Son to  
die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He  
has given the right to become children of God, and has given them His Holy Spirit.  
Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all. Amen.*

**PSALM 116:1-4,12-19**

<sup>1</sup> I love the LORD, for he heard my voice;  
he heard my cry for mercy.

<sup>2</sup> Because he turned his ear to me,  
I will call on him as long as I live.

**How can I repay the Lord for all his goodness to me?**

<sup>3</sup> The cords of death entangled me,  
the anguish of the grave came over me;  
I was overcome by distress and sorrow.

<sup>4</sup> Then I called on the name of the LORD:  
'LORD, save me!'

**How can I repay the Lord for all his goodness to me?**

<sup>12</sup> What shall I return to the LORD  
for all his goodness to me?

<sup>13</sup> I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the LORD.

<sup>14</sup> I will fulfil my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all his people.

**How can I repay the Lord for all his goodness to me?**

<sup>15</sup> Precious in the sight of the LORD  
is the death of his faithful servants.

<sup>16</sup> Truly I am your servant, LORD;  
I serve you just as my mother did;  
you have freed me from my chains.

**How can I repay the Lord for all his goodness to me?**

<sup>17</sup> I will sacrifice a thank-offering to you  
and call on the name of the LORD.

<sup>18</sup> I will fulfil my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all his people,

<sup>19</sup> in the courts of the house of the LORD –  
in your midst, Jerusalem.

**How can I repay the Lord for all his goodness to me?**

**Glory to the Father and the Son  
and the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be forever.**

**Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Let us pray for the assurance of Christ's presence.*

[silence]

**Almighty and merciful God,  
you made the disciples glad  
by the sight of the risen Lord.  
Remind us that he is always with us,  
and that we now share in his resurrection.  
For he lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.  
Amen.**

## **BIBLE READING**

**FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a,36-41** Three thousand people repent and are baptised (NIVUK)

<sup>14</sup>Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. <sup>36</sup>'Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.' <sup>37</sup>When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, 'Brothers, what shall we do?' <sup>38</sup>Peter replied, 'Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off – for all whom the Lord our God will call.' <sup>40</sup>With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' <sup>41</sup>Those who accepted his message were baptised, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

*After the reading*

*This is the Word of the LORD.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:17-23** Set free by the sacrifice of Christ (NIVUK)

<sup>17</sup>Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. <sup>18</sup>For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life

handed down to you from your ancestors, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. <sup>20</sup> He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. <sup>21</sup> Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God. <sup>22</sup> Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>23</sup> For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

*After the reading*  
*This is the Word of the LORD.*  
**Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA VERSE**

*Alleluia!*  
**Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
*Since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again;  
death no longer has any power over him.*  
**Alleluia!**

*Were not our hearts burning within us  
while the Lord was opening the scriptures to us?*  
**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35** Jesus made known in the breaking of the bread (NIVUK)

*Before the reading*  
**Glory be to You, O LORD.**

<sup>13</sup> Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles<sup>[a]</sup> from Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. <sup>15</sup> As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; <sup>16</sup> but they were kept from recognising him. <sup>17</sup> He asked them, 'What are you discussing together as you walk along?' They stood still, their faces downcast. <sup>18</sup> One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, 'Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?' <sup>19</sup> 'What things?' he asked. 'About Jesus of Nazareth,' they replied. 'He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. <sup>20</sup> The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; <sup>21</sup> but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. <sup>22</sup> In addition, some of our

women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning <sup>23</sup> but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.' <sup>25</sup> He said to them, 'How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?' <sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. <sup>28</sup> As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going further. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, 'Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened and they recognised him, and he disappeared from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They asked each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?' <sup>33</sup> They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together <sup>34</sup> and saying, 'It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' <sup>35</sup> Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognised by them when he broke the bread.

*After the reading*

*This is the gospel of the LORD.*

**Praise be to You, O Christ.**

**Thank you, Lord Jesus, for revealing yourself in the Scriptures  
and the breaking of the bread.**

**Strengthen our faith through your word and sacraments.**

**Amen.**

### **APOSTLE'S CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven,  
and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty,  
from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

## Just as I am

**Just as I am, without one plea but that Thy blood was shed for me,  
and that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am - and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot -  
to Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
yea, all I need, in Thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am - Thy love unknown has broken every barrier down -  
now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come.**

Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871), alt.

## SERMON

At this point you may wish to Listen to Sermon,  
or Read and Discuss the Sermon

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## THERE IS A REDEEMER

**There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son,  
Precious Lamb of God. Messiah, Holy one.**

**Thank you, O our Father for giving us your Son,  
And leaving your Spirit till your work on earth is done.**

**Jesus my Redeemer, Name above all names,  
Precious Lamb of God. Messiah, O for sinners slain.**

**Thank you, O our Father for giving us your Son,  
And leaving your Spirit till your work on earth is done.**

**When I stand in glory I will see his face  
And there I'll serve my King forever. In that holy place.**

**Thank you, O our Father for giving us your Son,  
And leaving your Spirit till your work on earth is done.**

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### **OFFERING PRAYER**

*Thank you, eternal Father,  
for setting us free through the sacrifice of your Son.  
Help us, through your great love for us,  
to love and serve one another  
and all people..  
**Amen.***

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*Our risen Lord Jesus revealed himself in the breaking of the bread. Let us pray that we may be fed with the bread of life.*

Gracious Heavenly Father, we thank and praise you for the incredible gift of your Son, and the life you give through your word and sacraments. We pray for all who hunger and thirst for righteousness and peace. Lead them to Jesus where true righteousness and peace may be found. Lead your church in all places to share the peace that you have given to us, to those who are lost and aching, and who hunger for understanding. Reveal your word to them so that their eyes may be opened in faith to see your Son as the Saviour of the world.

Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

Dear Heavenly Father, we pray for all those who are hungry or starving throughout the world. Bless all those who work to provide food for people everywhere, and lead all those who are given the responsibility to distribute food to do so honestly and fairly. We thank you for blessing us with your bountiful goodness. Help us all to share willingly of all which you have first given to us.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**



We pray for those who are struggling with disabilities. Comfort and strengthen them, and give fair and equal access to services for all who need them. Bless those who work with people with disabilities and give them strength, integrity and compassion in their work. Help those around the world who are living in poverty and give them what they need. Fill us with generosity to give to people in need as we are able to.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Bless and protect all people who are sick and the dying and all who hunger for health. We pray for those who struggle with bad health in our community, especially (insert names here). Bring your perfect healing to all who need it, and especially bring that ultimate healing of eternal life, through Jesus' victory over death and hell.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Father, we thank and praise you that by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, you have swallowed up death for ever, and opened up the way for all people to sit with you at the feast of eternal life. Feed us now and always with the bread of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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 forever. Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

*Let us bless the LORD.*

**God be praised forevermore.**

*The LORD bless us and keep us.*

*The LORD make His face shine on us and be gracious to us.*

*The LORD look upon us with favour, and give us peace.*

**Amen!**

## **GROWING FAITH AT HOME BLESSING**

*May the Lord walk with you today and always.*

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## **WORDS OF SENDING**

*Go in peace.*

*You have been born anew through the living word of God.*

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## **JESUS OUR SAVIOUR**

**Jesus our Saviour, of true joy the giver,  
Alpha and Omega, lo He is here!  
Mighty Creator, and strong to deliver,  
God and yet man, He to us draweth near.  
Christians, proclaim Him, the same now and ever:  
Jesus our Saviour, of true joy the giver.**

**Jesus our Saviour is come, death to suffer;  
Sins of the world as the Lamb He must bear.  
Dying for sinners, in grace He can offer  
Pardon and peace for all mankind to share.  
Love beyond telling, what gifts dost thou proffer!  
Jesus our Saviour is come, death to suffer..**

**Jesus our Saviour is come, grace bestowing,  
Coming in mercy each longing to still.  
Life-giving waters for all are now flowing:  
Come, ye who thirst; come and drink, ye who will.  
Wondrous the mercy and love He is showing:  
Jesus our Saviour is come, grace bestowing.**

**Jesus our Saviour is Lord now and ever;  
Hasten, ye nations, to own Him in faith;  
Throng to His banner, and pledge Him for ever:  
'Thine would we be, and would serve Thee till death.'  
Spread ye His gospel - His truth faileth never:  
Tell of this Saviour, our Lord now and ever.**

Johann Ludwig Konrad Allendorf

## HYMNS AND SONGS

### **First reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41**

#### **LHS**

- 191 The Church's one foundation G4
- 277 Baptized into Thy name most holy\* G4
- 279 He that believes and is baptized\* (*alt tune* 106, G3)
- 302 Sinners, turn, why will you die?
- 304 Delay not, delay not G7
- 305 Today Thy mercy calls us\* G3
- 317 Jesus sinners doth receive\* G5
- 826 Father welcomes all his children GS
- 828 I am baptised GS
- 833 We praise you, Lord, for Jesus Christ G5

#### **AT**

- 4 Father welcomes
- 26 He is Lord
- 129 Everyone
- 299 Pour it all out, Jesus
- 324 Saints of all time
- 331 Turn to me with all your heart
- 332 We are sorry
- 421 Born forever

### **Second reading: 1 Peter 1:17-23**

#### **LHS**

- 89 Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands\* G5
- 90 Christ the Lord is risen again G8
- 91 Christ the Lord is risen today G4
- 112 Hail, Thou once despised Jesus G3
- 156 Jesus our Saviour, of true joy the giver\* G3
- 271 The gospel shows the Father's grace G5
- 274 Lord, Thy Word abideth G7
- 300 Let me be Thine forever\* G5
- 327 Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness\* G3
- 335 Just as I am, without one plea G9
- 344 Our God is love, and all His saints\* G6
- 367 O bring to the Lord your tribute of praise\* G6
- 376 Jesus, master, whose I am
- 436 Come, let us join our cheerful songs

834 At the Lamb's high feast we sing G3  
847 The Lamb's high banquet called to share (*alt tune 839, G7*)

**AT**

61 Hallelujah, my Father  
93 Pass my love around  
145 Wondrous love  
158 Come sing our praises loud  
163 Hymn of glory  
247 Alabare, alabare  
316 From the air and from the light  
345 Nothing but the blood  
349 There is a redeemer

**Gospel: Luke 24:13-35**

**LHS**

96 Ere yet the dawn has filled the skies G4  
181 Abide, O dearest Jesus\* G5  
541 Abide with us, the day is waning  
543 Abide with me G8  
764 Now the green blade rises GS

**AT**

15 Love has come again  
26 He is Lord  
90 Father, bless us as we go  
178 Until you open my eyes  
239 Listen to him  
241 On the day of resurrection  
271 For the bread that we have eaten  
297 Let us talents and tongues employ  
304 Stay with me, I'll stay with you  
343 Jesus come and stand among us  
437 I have seen the Lord