



**SERVICE ORDER**  
**Sunday, 14 April 2024**  
**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 SENTENCES**

*We are God's much loved children!*  
**God's love has been poured on us through Jesus Christ!**  
*May fear and doubt be gone!*  
**May joy and celebration ring in our hearts!**  
*Come, let us raise our voices in praise!*  
**Let us offer our hearts and souls to our loving Father!**

**INVOCATION**

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

**ABOVE ALL**

**Above all powers, above all kings  
Above all nature and all created things;  
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man,  
You were here before the world began.**

**Above all kingdoms, above all thrones  
Above all wonders the world has ever known;  
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth  
There's no way to measure what you're worth.**

**Crucified, laid behind the stone;  
You lived to die, rejected and alone;  
Like a rose, trampled on the ground  
You took the fall, and thought of me,  
Above all.**

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### **CONFESSION OF SINS**

*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.*

### **GOD FORGIVES**

*..... peace be with you.  
Amen.*

### **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**LORD HAVE MERCY**

*In peace, let us pray to the Lord.*

**Lord, have mercy.**

*For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.*

**Lord, have mercy.**

*For the peace of the whole world, for the wellbeing of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.*

**Lord, have mercy.**

*For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.*

**Lord, have mercy.**

*Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*

**Amen.**

**SONG OF ADORATION – STF/Pg58**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,  
and honour, blessing, and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God,  
and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing, honour, glory, and might be to God  
and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.*

*Let us pray.*

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Lord Jesus our Saviour, come to us now as you came to the first disciples.  
Speak your peace to our hearts, and clothe us with the Holy Spirit.  
Open our minds so that we may hear your message this day,  
and live as your disciples at home, at work, and at play.  
Amen.**

### **PSALM 4**

*<sup>1</sup> Answer me when I call to you,  
my righteous God.*

*Give me relief from my distress;  
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.*

*<sup>2</sup> How long will you people turn my glory into shame?  
How long will you love delusions and seek false gods?*

*<sup>3</sup> Know that the LORD has set apart his faithful servant for himself;  
the LORD hears when I call to him.*

*<sup>4</sup> Tremble and do not sin; when you are on your beds,  
search your hearts and be silent.*

*<sup>5</sup> Offer the sacrifices of the righteous  
and trust in the LORD.*

*<sup>6</sup> Many, LORD, are asking, 'Who will bring us prosperity?'  
Let the light of your face shine on us.*

*<sup>7</sup> Fill my heart with joy  
when their grain and new wine abound.*

*<sup>8</sup> In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone,  
LORD, make me dwell in safety.*

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

## **BIBLE READING**

### **FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19** Peter's message in the temple

<sup>12</sup> 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? <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. <sup>15</sup> You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> 'Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. <sup>18</sup> But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup> Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,

*After the reading*

*This is the Word of the LORD.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### **SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7** We are children of God

<sup>3</sup> See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup> Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup> All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. <sup>4</sup> Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup> But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. <sup>6</sup> No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup> Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

*After the reading*

*This is the Word of the LORD.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48** Christ has fulfilled the Scriptures

*Before the reading*

**Glory be to You, O LORD.**

<sup>36</sup> While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>37</sup> They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. <sup>38</sup> He said to them, 'Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? <sup>39</sup> 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.' <sup>40</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. <sup>41</sup> And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, 'Do you have anything here to eat?' <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate it in their presence. <sup>44</sup> 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.' <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup> He told them, 'This is what is written: the Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things.

*After the reading*

*This is the gospel of the LORD.*

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

**WE ARE HEIRS**

**We are heirs of the Father, we are joint-heirs with the Son;  
we are children of the kingdom, we are family, we are one.**

**We are washed, we are sanctified, we are ransomed by His blood;  
we are strengthened by the Spirit, we are children of the Lord.**

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we are strengthened by the Spirit, we are children of the Lord.**

**We are members of His body, we are people whom He loves;  
He will change us to be like Him when we see Him face to face.**

**We shall live with Him for ever, all and angels shout and sing.  
Free salvation has been given to the family of the king!**

## MESSAGE

At this point you may wish to watch the Sermon.

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## 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**

## YOU ARE MY ALL IN ALL

**You are my strength when I am weak, You are the treasure that I seek,  
You are my all in all. Seeking You as a precious jewel,  
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool, You are my all in all.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name.**

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**Taking my sin, my cross, my shame, Rising again I bless Your name,  
You are my all in all. When I fall down You pick me up,  
When I am dry You fill my cup, You are my all in all.**

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## OFFERING PRAYER

**Author of life and giver of all gifts, we thank you for the many blessings of our lives. Receive these offerings of thanks and bless them so that they become instruments of your saving mission in the world. Amen**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*We are God's children, so let us come to him in prayer in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ.*

Dear heavenly Father, we pray for the church, that it may proclaim the good news of our Lord's death and resurrection for the forgiveness of sins to all nations. Open our minds to your word, so that we may be good witnesses of our risen Lord.

*Lord, in your mercy... **hear our prayer.***

Guide all Christian parents to bring up their children in the faith. Thank you for the schools of our church and our Sunday Schools and the teachers who bring the good news of salvation to young people. Open up the minds of our children to your loving word.

*Lord, in your mercy... **hear our prayer.***

We pray for those who are searching for meaning and purpose. Bring them to hear and understand the scriptures, and so to learn from Jesus himself the riches you have for them. Open up minds to seek the truth, and help us continue in faithful worship and study, prayer and praise.

*Lord, in your mercy... **hear our prayer.***

Move us to see the wounded and hurt people in our world, and to help where we can. Bring peace and harmony to countries in need of stability and good government.

*Lord, in your mercy... **hear our prayer.***

Have mercy on those who are physically disabled or otherwise debilitated, Lord. And bless those who help them. Open up hearts and minds to the needs of others, and extend compassion and care in our community.

*Lord, in your mercy... **hear our prayer.***

Watch over our brothers and sisters who are sick or injured. Bring them to good health and give them firm confidence in your never-failing love. And meet the needs of all we know personally to be in want and whom we now name silently in our hearts ... *(brief silence)*

*Lord, in your mercy... **hear our prayer.***



Father, you have made us your children through baptism and the Holy Spirit. Open your word to us, so that we may witness to your Son, 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 TO SHARE**

*Child of God, may you be filled with peace of Jesus,*  
**Child of God, may you be filled with peace of Jesus,**  
*and made strong with God's power.*  
**and made strong with God's power. Amen.**

### **May the peace of God** **(Benediction Hymn)**

**May the peace of God, our heav'nly Father,  
and the grace of Christ, the risen Son,  
and the fellowship of God the Spirit  
keep our hearts and minds within His love.**

**And to Him be praise for His glorious reign;  
from the depths of earth to the heights of heaven  
we declare the name of the Lamb once slain:  
Christ eternal, the King of Kings.**

**May this peace which passes understanding,  
and this grace which makes us what we are,  
and this fellowship of His communion,  
make us one in spirit and in heart.**

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### **HYMNS AND SONGS**

#### **First reading: Acts 3:12-19**

##### **LHS**

- 100 Awake, my heart, rejoicing\* G5
- 159 O for a thousand tongues to sing\* G5
- 161 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds G5
- 311 O faithful God, we worship Thee
- 452 O bless the Lord, my soul

##### **AT**

- 274 In Jesus' name
- 398 A child of God

##### **TIS**

- 64 O bless the Lord, my soul
- 210 O for a thousand tongues to sing
- 223 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

#### **Second reading: 1 John 3:1-7**

##### **LHS**

- 265 How blest are they who hear God's Word\* G3
- 323 Blessed are the sons of God\* G4
- 398 Lord Jesus, think on me G5
- 468 O praise ye the Lord
- 805 We are heirs of the Father GS

##### **AT**

- 12 We are heirs of the Father
- 398 A child of God

**TIS**

96 Sing praise to the Lord  
115 Behold the amazing gift of love  
118 We give immortal praise  
164 The great love of God  
546 Lord Jesus, think on me

**Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48****LHS**

90 Christ the Lord is risen again G8  
99 Welcome, Thou victor in the strife\* G6  
104 Awake, my heart, thy praises sing\* G5  
221 Spread, O spread, thou mighty Word\* G5  
769 With high delight let us unite G7

**AT**

148 Born for resurrection  
240 My peace I give  
406 Peace

**TIS**

198 I greet you, my Redeemer sure  
360 Part 2. That Eastertide with joy was bright  
365 Christ the Lord is risen again  
424 Christians, lift up your hearts (*v 2 baptism, v 3 holy communion*)  
450 Spread, O spread, almighty word  
529 By your priestly power, O risen Lord (*holy communion*)