

Worship Service of Morning Prayer. Sunday 18th April. Third Sunday of Easter.

All Saints at all times and in all seasons, committed to being a church of Up (worship & prayer), In (deep community & lifelong discipleship), and Out, (service of others & evangelism).

The Gathering of God's People

Brief Welcome by Revd Grant.

Pause to be still, as I re-center my scattered senses upon the presence of God...

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

All and also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All He has given us new life and hope.

He has raised Jesus from the dead. Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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Opening Prayer

All Faithful one, whose word is life: come with saving power to free our praise, inspire our prayer and shape our lives for the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Opening Hymn: Holy Holy Holy

Prayers of Penitence

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord, we come to you in sorrow for our sins, and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength, and not by the power of your resurrection. In your mercy, forgive us.

All Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes, as faithless and not believing. In your mercy, forgive us.

All Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone, and doubted our home in heaven. In your mercy, forgive us.

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The minister declares God's forgiveness
May the God of love and power
Forgive you and free you from your sins.
Heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise
you to new life in Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Collect

We pray in silence for some moments, people, places on our hearts today...

Almighty Father,

who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, Amen.

<u>Proclaiming and Receiving the Word</u> Psalm 4.

¹ Answer me when I call to you,
O God who declares me innocent.

Free me from my troubles.

Have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

² How long will you people ruin my reputation? How long will you make groundless accusations?

How long will you continue your lies?

³ You can be sure of this:

The LORD set apart the godly for himself. The LORD will answer when I call to him.

⁴ Don't sin by letting anger control you. Think about it overnight and remain silent.

⁵ Offer sacrifices in the right spirit, and trust the LORD.

All Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

Scripture Readings

First Reading: Acts 3:12-19 (Stefan)

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Song: Revelation Song

Second Reading: 1 John 2:3- chapter 3:7 (Stefan)

Hymn: In Christ Alone

Gospel: Luke 24:36-48

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Sermon : Peter Gillies, a member of All Saints Council, we welcome, as our preacher today.

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.

Song: What a beautiful name

The Prayers of the People (Angela)

Response: Lord in your mercy Hear our Prayer.

Merciful Father,
All accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Collect Prayers

We bring to God our offerings... and our week ahead...

Faithful God, receive all we offer you this day.

May we so live the life of Christ that we and your Church may be a sign of salvation to all the nations of the world.

We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Father, help me live this coming week to the full, being true to You, in every way.

Jesus, help me give myself away to others, being kind to everyone I meet.

Spirit, help me to love my town, proclaiming Christ in all I do and say. Amen.

Let's pray to our Father...

All 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.

Going out as God's People

Announcements: World Watch List.

To allow God to grow our hearts for his worldwide church.

And to seek his intervention within the lives of members of our wider church family.

Invitation to join in with praying for one the countries on the List up to May 30th.

Parenting Children Course: see email letter this week and trailer. Reminder: begins week of May 24th, please let Jolanda and Hannah K know if interested. Sign up at the email link.

Trailer shares more.

April giving –towards the Bishop of Europe's appeal to support the chaplaincy in Liege.

We end with praise each of these services...

Final Hymn: Victor's Crown.

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Gloria in Excelsis (together we say)

All Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

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He has raised Jesus from the dead. God has claimed us as his own. All **He has brought us out of darkness.**

He has made us light to the world. Alleluia. Christ is risen. All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Blessing

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us the victory, give you joy and peace in your faith; and the blessing of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. Amen!

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