

Worship Service of Morning Prayer.

Sunday 25th April. Fourth 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.

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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 Song: Hosanna (Praise is Rising)

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.

All Lord, hear us and help us

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 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

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

Psalm 23.

1The Lord is my shepherd,
I shall not be in want.

2He makes me lie down in green
pastures, he leads me
beside quiet waters,

3He restores my soul. He guides me in
paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

4Even though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,
for you are with me; your rod and your
staff, they comfort me.

5You prepare a table before me in the
presence of my enemies. You anoint my
head with oil; my cup overflows.

6Surely goodness and love will follow
me all the days of my life, and I will
dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

**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 4:v5-31 (Thomas)

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Song : What a beautiful name

Second Reading: 1 John 3:v7-end (Thomas)

Song: Be still for the presence of the Lord

Gospel: John 10:9-18 & 14: 14:15-20, 25-27

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Sermon

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.**

Hymn: In Christ Alone

The Prayers of the People (Mark)

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

Sacred Pathways (Growing in Prayer)

Three teaching videos on our Youtube Channel.
Help us grow in prayer. In the different ways we
can approach God.
John Harris explores the different ways. Corona
will have restricted us or perhaps we found old
ways of praying are no longer helpful or
nourishing. It may be time to seek a new way or a
new approach. We recommend you try them and
grow in prayer.

Final Song: He is the Lord (Show your power)

We end with praise each of these services...

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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All **He has given us new life and hope.**

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.
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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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