

Morning Worship

Easter 4: 3rd April 2020

The Preparation

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whose great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Great is the Lord and worthy of all praise.

**Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom,
thanksgiving and honour, power and might,
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.**

Hymn

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.

Great and Wonderful

Great and wonderful are your deeds

O Lord God the almighty:

just and true are your ways

O Sovereign of the nations.

Who shall not revere

and praise your name O Lord?:

for you alone are holy.

All nations shall come

and worship in your presence:

for your just dealings have been revealed.

To the One who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb:

**be blessing and honour, glory and might
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Confession

Hear these words of scripture.

As God who called you is holy,
be holy yourselves in all your conduct.

Spirit of God, search our hearts.

Let us in silence remember our need for God's forgiveness.

Silence

Let us confess our sins to God.

Almighty and merciful God,

we have sinned against you,

in thought, word and deed.

We have not loved you with all our heart.

We have not loved others

as our Saviour Christ loves us.

We are truly sorry.

In your mercy forgive what we have been,

help us to amend what we are,

and direct what we shall be;

that we may delight in your will

and walk in your ways,

through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Almighty God, who pardons all who truly repent,
forgive your sins, strengthen you by the Holy Spirit,
and keep you in life eternal;

through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

Amen.

The Ministry of the Word

O come, let us sing to the Lord,

let us rejoice in the rock of our salvation.

We sing to you, O God, and bless your name;

and tell of your salvation from day to day.

We proclaim your glory to the nations,

your praise to the ends of the earth.

The Reading from the Epistles

Acts 2:42-47 – Josie

1 Peter 2:10-25 – Sophie

Song

“I came alive for the very first time”

The Reading from the Gospel

John 10:1-10 – Brian

The Sermon

The Apostles Creed

Prayers

Make your ways known upon earth, O God,

your saving power among all peoples.

Renew your Church in holiness,

and help us to serve you with joy.

Guide the leaders of this and every nation,

that justice may prevail throughout the world.

Let not the needy, O God, be forgotten,

nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Make us instruments of your peace,

and let your glory be over all the earth.

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.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are

yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Unite714 Litany

Our Lord and our God, look in your mercy upon the suffering that covers the earth. COVID-19 is dominating governments, derailing economies, and

destroying peace. It is an ever-present challenge, bringing pain and devastation upon Your Creation. Yet we declare—the name of Jesus is above all names, in heaven and on earth. We believe, as Your Holy Scriptures have taught us, every person, problem, pestilence, and power must bow before the mighty name of Jesus Christ.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we ask that COVID-19 be halted and eradicated.

Lord Jesus, You created the world and everything in it. You healed the sick, walked on water, fed thousands, and raised the dead. You rule and reign. You said, “If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.”

In the name of Jesus, we boldly ask for our families, churches, cities, and nations to be protected from the effects of COVID-19.

We know the name of Jesus has great power when we speak it, for You are our Savior and our Lord. We know that even now, You are at the right hand of our Father, interceding for people as they battle COVID-19.

Lord Jesus, we are confident in the power of Your name, so we ask You to give scientists, researchers, and medical personnel the supernatural strength and wisdom needed in their battle against COVID-19. We ask for healing and restoration in the lives of all those affected by this disease.

We ask all these things in the name that is above every name, the powerful name of Jesus Christ.

Lord you are a present help in trouble.
Come revive, redeem, restore.
In our darkness come as light.
In our sadness come as joy.
In our troubles come as peace.
In our weakness come as strength.

Come Lord to our aid:
Revive, redeem, restore us.
Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Good shepherd of the sheep,
by whom the lost are sought
and guided into the fold;
feed us and we shall be satisfied,
heal us and we shall be whole,
and lead us that we may be with you,
with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
where you reign one God for ever.
Amen.

Morning Collect

Holy and ever living God,
by your power we are created
and by your love we are redeemed;
guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,
that we may give ourselves to your service,
and live each day in love to one another
and to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

**In darkness and in light,
in trouble and in joy,
help us, heavenly Father,
to trust your love,
to serve your purpose,
and to praise your name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Gifts of the People are acknowledged.

Almighty God;
you give seed for us to sow,
and bread for us to eat;
make us thankful for what we have received;
make us rich to do those generous things
which supply your people’s needs;
so all the world may give you thanks and glory.
Amen.

Hymn: I will sing the wondrous story

The Dismissal

Christ the Good Shepherd,
who laid down his life for the sheep,
draw you and all who hear his voice,
to be one flock within one fold,
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be with you now and remain with you.
Amen.

Go now to love and serve the Lord.
Go in peace.

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.