

# **Second Sunday of Easter**

## **Second Sunday Praise**

### **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

## **God's Family Gathers**

*The Paschal candle is lit.*

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.

**All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*Word of welcome are given.*

This is the day that you have made:  
you have filled it with signs of your presence;  
your Spirit's breath permeates every moment;  
your grace fills each experience;  
your promises move within event,  
pulling us toward hope.

Receive our thanks.

Receive our praise, through Christ our Lord  
for in his love we know your deep love  
your faithfulness, your grace.

**Musical Meditation – *There is a green hill far away***

## **God's Family Says Sorry**

*We have a time of silent reflection.*

Like Mary at the empty tomb,  
we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.  
Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

Like the disciples behind locked doors,  
we are afraid to be seen as your followers.  
Christ, have mercy.

**All Christ, have mercy.**

Like Thomas in the upper room,  
we are slow to believe.  
Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

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.**

## **God's Family Praises**

**All Glory be to God in heaven,  
peace to those who love him well;  
on the earth let all his people  
speak his grace, his wonders tell:  
Lord, we praise you for your glory,  
mighty Father, heaven's king;  
hear our joyful adoration  
and accept the thanks we bring.**

**Only Son of God the Father,  
Lamb who takes our sin away,  
now with God in triumph seated  
for your mercy, Lord, we pray:  
Jesus Christ, most high and holy,  
Saviour, you are God alone  
in the glory of the Father  
with the Spirit: Three-in-One!**

## **Church Prayer**

Risen Christ,  
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:  
open the doors of our hearts,  
that we may seek the good of others  
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,  
to the praise of God the Father.

**All Amen.**

## **God's Family Listens**

### **New Testament Reading – Acts 4.32-35**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>32</sup> The whole group of believers was united in their thinking and in what they wanted. None of them said that the things they had were their own. Instead, they shared everything. <sup>33</sup> With great power the apostles were making it known to everyone that the Lord Jesus was raised from death. And God blessed all the believers very much. <sup>34</sup> None of them could say they needed anything. Everyone who owned fields or houses sold them. They brought the money they got <sup>35</sup> and gave it to the apostles. Then everyone was given whatever they needed.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

### **Responsive Psalm 133**

Behold how good and pleasant it is  
to dwell together in unity.

**All Mercy and truth are met together,  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**

It is like the precious oil upon the head,  
running down upon the beard,  
Even on Aaron's beard,  
running down upon the collar of his clothing.

**All Mercy and truth are met together,  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**

It is like the dew of Hermon  
running down upon the hills of Zion.  
For there the Lord has promised his blessing:  
even life for evermore.

**All Mercy and truth are met together,  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**

### **Gospel Reading – John 20.19-end**

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

**All: Alleluia.**

He has the words of eternal life.

**All: Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup>The day was Sunday, and that same evening the followers were together. They had the doors locked because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them. He said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>20</sup>As soon as he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. When the followers saw the Lord, they were very happy.

<sup>21</sup>Then Jesus said again, "Peace be with you. It was the Father who sent me, and I am now sending you in the same way." <sup>22</sup>Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of anyone, their sins are forgiven. If there is anyone whose sins you don't forgive, their sins are not forgiven."

<sup>24</sup>Thomas (called Didymus) was one of the twelve, but he was not with the other followers when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>They told him, "We saw the Lord." Thomas said, "That's hard to believe. I will have to see the nail holes in his hands, put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side. Only then will I believe it."

<sup>26</sup>A week later the followers were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. The doors were locked, but Jesus came and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here. Look at my hands. Put your hand here in my side. Stop doubting and believe."

<sup>28</sup>Thomas said to Jesus, "My Lord and my God!"

<sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "You believe because you see me. Great blessings belong to the people who believe without seeing me!"

<sup>30</sup>Jesus did many other miraculous signs that his followers saw, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you can believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God. Then, by believing, you can have life through his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon – 'Peace be with you' (Bishop Richard)**

## **Hymn – Praise my soul the king of heaven**

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
to his feet your tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
evermore his praises sing.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favour  
to his people in distress.  
Praise him, still the same as ever,  
slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Glorious in his faithfulness!

Father-like he tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame he knows.  
In his hand he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Widely as his mercy flows!

## **God's Family Prays**

*Between each petition:*

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

*When we have prayed together, we say the Lord's Prayer:*

**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.**

## **Litany of thanksgiving and time of prayer for the death of His Royal Highness, the Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh**

As we mourn the death of Prince Philip, let us give thanks to God in faith and trust.

For the gift of Christ Jesus and for all whose devotion to him has sustained the life of our Church and nation:

Let us bless the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

For our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth, His Late Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, and all the Royal Family; for the ministers of the Crown and all who bear the privilege and burden of government:

Let us bless the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

For all people touched by the Duke of Edinburgh's devotion to public service:

Let us bless the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

For our own lives, giving thanks for all who have gone before, and asking that we might go forward with confidence and hope:

Let us bless the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

O God,  
in whom we live and move and have our being,  
grant that your goodness and mercy shall follow us  
all the days of our lives,  
that we may ever trust in your unfailing love;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**All Amen.**

**All** God of our lives,  
we give thanks for the life of Prince Philip,  
for his love of our country,  
and for his devotion to duty.  
We entrust him now to your love and mercy,  
through our Redeemer Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

*We observe a minute silence.*

## **The National Anthem**

**All** God save our gracious Queen,  
Long live our noble Queen,  
God save the Queen.  
Send her victorious,  
Happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us:  
God save the Queen.

## **God's Family Shares in Christ's Peace**

Jesus says:  
Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.  
Not as the world gives do I give you.  
Do not let your hearts be troubled,  
neither let them be afraid.

**All** The peace of the risen Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

*We offer one another a sign of peace.*

## **Church Notices**

### **Worship Song – *There is none like you*** **(Performed by Sara)**

There is none like You  
No one else can touch my heart like You do  
And I could search for all eternity, Lord  
And find, there is none like You

There is none like You  
No one else can touch my heart like You do  
And I could search  
I could search for all eternity, Lord  
And find, there is none like You

Your mercy flows like a river so wide  
And healing comes from Your hand  
And suffering children are safe in Your arms  
There is none like You

*Instrumental*

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## **God's Family Goes**

How joyful it is, to celebrate the good news of God's love!  
**All We are called to be Easter people!**

Darkness cannot claim us!  
**All Fear cannot bind us!**

Christ is risen!  
**All Christ is risen, indeed alleluia!**

May you trust in God's promises to his people:  
peace  
security  
blessing  
even when they are difficult to believe.  
**All Amen.**

May you know that God's news is good news,  
nourishing  
true  
even when people tell you it is not.  
**All Amen.**

And when you encounter doubt,  
may you strengthen your belief  
guiding you in his perfect wisdom and counsel

**All Amen.**

God grant to the living, grace;  
to the departed, rest;  
to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth,  
and all humankind,  
peace and concord;  
and to us and all his servants, life everlasting;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**All Amen.**

With the power that raised Jesus from the dead at work within you,  
go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

**All In the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Please join us at 6pm for a special service marking  
the death of His late Royal Highness  
The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh**

*(This service will be live streamed to our Facebook page and website and  
NOT Zoom)*

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**Virtual Drinks at the Vicarage**

*Thursdays from 7.30-8.30pm*

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85320806978>

**Meeting ID: 853 2080 6978**

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