

He is Risen!

Zoom Easter All Age Worship

4th April 3pm

Welcome

Song: Light of the world

Leader: The grace and mercy of our Lord
Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Introduction to the confession:

Confession

All: Father, we have sinned against heaven and against you. We are not worthy to be called your children. We turn to you again. Have mercy on us, bring us back to yourself as those who were once dead but now have life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The absolution then follows

Collect for the day

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life. Give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve to the glory of God the Father. Amen

Reading: John 20v19-21

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

19 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

21 Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." 22 And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Jesus Appears to Thomas

24 Now Thomas (also known as Didymus[a]), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

26 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

28 Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

29 Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

The Purpose of John's Gospel

30 Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 31 But these are written that you may believe[b] that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Song: How deep the father's love for us

Puppets

Talk

Song: In Christ Alone

Prayers:

We pray to Jesus who is ever present with us to eternity.

A: The response to Jesus, Lord of life,

In your mercy, hear us

Lord Jesus, We think of our hearts and remember those closest to us, our family and friends who are there to support and guide us. Thank you for these people and please bless them with your love. We remember those who feel alone in the world and pray that You will bring them your love and joy. Help us to love everyone, even those we find it hard to love.

Jesus, Lord of life,

In your mercy, hear us

B: We think of our hands and we pray for all those who use their hands to teach, instruct and heal like doctors, teachers and ministers. We pray that we will use our own hands to do work for you and to help those around us.

Jesus, Lord of life,

In your mercy, hear us

C: We think of our feet. Jesus, light of the world, we pray that you will guide us with your shining light and that we will always walk in your footsteps and follow where you lead. If we loose our way, we pray that your light will guide us back. We pray that we might help to bring others to follow you as well. Jesus, Lord of life,

In your mercy, hear us

D: We think of our mouths and our voices. We pray for teachers who use their words to help others to learn. We pray for the ministers and all those in churches who speak your word to us. We pray for the leaders in the world, whose words shape our nations and guide public opinion. They need your guidance so that they might use their voices and their power to help bring justice, peace and racial harmony to the world.

Jesus, Lord of life,

In your mercy, hear us

E: We think of our heads and our minds. We pray that we will work hard and achieve our best at whatever we do. We pray that with your help we might make the right choices in our lives. We pray for leaders of the church and all those in positions of responsibility that they might use their minds and Your guidance to make the right decisions.

Jesus, Lord of life,

In your mercy, hear us

F: We think of our arms. We pray for all those that need love and protection, those who are poor or in trouble or in pain, that your loving arms will surround them. We pray that you might comfort those who have lost loved ones. We thank you for loving us so much that You gave Your life for us and today we celebrate that you rose again and have prepared a place in heaven for all those who believe in you. Fill our hearts with love, so that we can all try to shine like lights in the world for You, by helping and sharing Your love with all those around us.

Jesus, Lord of life,

In your mercy, hear us

Minister's prayers

Jesus, Lord of life

In your mercy, hear us, accept our prayers, and be with us always. Amen.

We close our time of prayer by saying together the prayer that Jesus himself taught us:

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.

THE PEACE

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said “Peace be with you”. Then they were glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia!

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Song: This is amazing grace

Notices and April Birthdays

Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you

God loves everyone, will you love him too.

Dismissal Prayer

May the Father from whom every family in earth and heaven receives its name, strengthen us with his spirit in our inner being, so that Christ may dwell in our hearts by faith, and that knowing his love, broad and long, deep and high beyond our knowledge, may be filled with all the fullness of God.

The Blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge of the love of God and of his Son Jesus Christ, and the +blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and all who you love and care for now and forever Amen

Final Songs: The greatest day in history

Jesus is my best friend