**Easter Worship@Home**

**26th April 2020**

**St Anne’s and Holy Trinity**

**We gather to worship**

We gather to worship God not as we normally do on a Sunday but constrained by circumstances. Lindsay last week lit a candle to remind us the presence of Jesus, this week I’m going to take us out of the room of our daily life to somewhere where God has been worshiped for Hundreds of years. I therefore am changing my background to an image of Rievaulx abbey

This is the day that the Lord has made. Alleluia. Alleluia  
**We will rejoice and be glad in it.  Alleluia. Alleluia**

*Psalm 118.24*

**Hymn Fill our hearts with Joy and Gladness**

Timothy Dudley-Smith

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In the rising of the Easter dawn

**Christ is risen**

In the laughter of children at play during a ceasefire

**Christ is risen**

Where the hungry celebrate with feasting

**Christ is risen**

Where people who were silenced, speak

**Christ is risen**

When enemies give up violence and become friends

**Christ is risen**

When love is allowed to flourish and grow into community

**Christ is risen**

We welcome you, our crucified and risen Christ. Alleluia

**Christ is risen. Alleluia**

***We confess and receive forgiveness***

Come, let us return to the Lord and say

**Lord our God,**

**in our sin we have avoided your call.**

**Our love for you is like a morning cloud,**

**like the dew that goes away early.**

**Have mercy on us;**

**deliver us from judgement;**

**bind up our wounds and revive us;**

**in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

cf Hosea 6

May the Father forgive us

by the death of his Son

and strengthen us

to live in the power of the Spirit

all our days.

*All***Amen.**

**Peace**

The risen Lord came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you and they were glad when they saw the Lord. Allelluia.

Alleluia. The Peace of the Lord be always with you

**And also with you. Alleluia**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace, greeting one another with these words*

Christ is risen

**Gloria***(stand)*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Blessed are those who have not seen him

and yet have believed.

**He is our Lord and our God.**

We have seen his glory,

**the glory which he had as the Father’s only Son,**

**full of grace and truth.**

The Lord says to us, ‘Do you love me?’

**Our hearts reply, ‘You know that we love you.’**

Jesus says, ‘Whoever comes to me shall never hunger.

**Whoever believes in me shall never thirst.’**

This is the Lamb of God

**who takes away the sins of the world.**

Jesus is the resurrection and the life:

**those who believe in him shall never die.**

Yes! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**THE STORIES OF OUR FAITH**

**New or Old Testament reading***(sit)*

A reading from Acts 2: 14a, 36-41

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

NRSV translation

*after the reading*

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 116.1-3,10-17\***from Common worship

*you are invited to join in with the even verses of the psalm*

1    I love the Lord, for he has heard the voice of my supplication;  ♦

because he inclined his ear to me on the day I called to him.

**2    The snares of death encompassed me; the pains of hell took hold of me;  ♦ by grief and sorrow was I held.**

3    Then I called upon the name of the Lord:  ♦ ‘O Lord, I beg you, deliver my soul.’

**10  How shall I repay the Lord  ♦ for all the benefits he has given to me?**

11  I will lift up the cup of salvation  ♦ and call upon the name of the Lord.

**12  I will fulfil my vows to the Lord  ♦ in the presence of all his people.**

13  Precious in the sight of the Lord  ♦ is the death of his faithful servants.

**14  O Lord, I am your servant,  ♦ your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.**

15    I will offer to you a sacrifice of thanksgiving  ♦ and call upon the name of the Lord.

**16  I will fulfil my vows to the Lord  ♦ in the presence of all his people,**

17  In the courts of the house of the Lord,  ♦ in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

**Alleluia.**

**Glory to the Father,**

**and to the Son,**

**and to the Holy Spirit**

**As it was in the beginning**

**is now and shall be forever. Amen**

**Gospel**

Alleluia, alleluia. I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one, I was dead and behold I am alive for evermore.

**Alleluia**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Luke 24: 13 -35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

NRSV translation

*After the gospel these words are said*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

**We reflect on the readings together**

What interests you about the passage?  What questions do you have? Is there something that speaks to you about God, or your life?

**Hymn when I needed a neighbour**

Sidney Carter

**Creed**

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,

source of all being and life,

the one for whom we exist?

**All**   **We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,

who took our human nature,

died for us and rose again?

**All**   **We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,

who gives life to the people of God

and makes Christ known in the world?

**All**   **We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**All**   **This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,**

**Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**

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**HYMN O Jesus I Have Promised**

**PRAYERS**

**led by**

**Collect**

*(our prayer for the day)*

Risen Christ,

you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:

strengthen us to proclaim your risen life

and fill us with your peace,

to the glory of God the Father.

**Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, we pray as Jesus 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.**

**DISMISSAL**

**Hymn Give me joy in my heart**

**Blessing and Sending out**

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage;  
 hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil;  
 strengthen the faint hearted; support the weak;  
 help the afflicted; honour everyone;  
 love and serve the Lord,

rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;  
 and may the blessing of God, father, Son and Holy Spirit be with us all now and forever.

1 Thessalonians 5.13-22

To a troubled world  
**peace from Christ.**

To a searching world  
**love from Christ.**

To a waiting world **hope from Christ.**

Go in the light and peace of Christ: Allelluia, alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Allelluia, alleluia.**

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