**Morning Worship for 11th April 2021**

***As we begin this act of worship let us remember all those not able to be with us who are joining us in their own homes, we remember that there are many friends who are doing the same and are joining with us in worship. Although we will not be having hymns in church for those of you at home If you have you-tube then please find an appropriate version of the suggested hymns and join in the singing on-line. As you go through this time of worship try to remember this reality; you are in the presence of God who holds us all in His care and keeping.***

**The Greeting:**

**Christ is Risen, he is Risen indeed Alleluia.**

**We remember Jesus in the garden appearing to Mary and calling her by name. Come, risen Christ!**

**Help us to remember that you know us each intimately and that you call us by name.**

**We remember Jesus appearing to the disciples and saying**

**‘peace be with you.’ Come, risen Christ!**

**We remember Jesus appearing to Thomas and saying**

**‘do not doubt, but believe.’ Come risen Christ!**

**Help us to rise above our doubts and fears and to trust completely**

**in your name.**

**We remember Jesus walking on the road to Emmaus, talking with his followers. Come, risen Christ!**

**Open to us the Scripture and help us to know your truth.**

**We remember Jesus sharing breakfast on the beach with his companions.**

**Come, risen Christ! Be to us the bread of life.**

**We remember Jesus commanding his disciples to tell the good news to all people and to baptize in his name. Come, risen Christ!**

**Help us to be your witnesses in the world. Hear us as we praise your name together:**

**Collect of the day:**

Almighty Father,

You have given your only Son to die for our sins

And to rise again for our justification:

Grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness

That we may always serve you

In pureness of living and truth;

Through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,

Who is alive and reigns with you,

In the unity of the Holy Spirit,

One God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

**Our Declaration of faith**

**The preaching of the cross is folly to those who are perishing,**

**but to those who are being saved, it is the power of God.**

**To those who are called, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God.**

**For the folly of God is wiser than human wisdom,**

**And the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.**

**We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you; because by your holy cross,**

**You have redeemed the world.**

**Hymn:** Jesus Stand among us.

In church the hymn or music will be played for us to listen to reflectively.

**Readings**: Acts 4: 32-35, 1 John 1: 1 – 2:2.

**Hymn**: Christ is the world’s true light.

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**Gospel Reading**: John 20: 19-end.

**Reflection:** This will be delivered by the Leader in church.

(For those at home a reflection will be sent through separately by Clive.)

**Hymn:** At the name of Jesus.

In church the hymn or music will be played for us to listen to reflectively.

**Prayers for others:** This morning let us pause for prayer for so many people and for so many situations.

O Lord our God,

We thank you for the many people throughout the ages who have followed your way of life joyfully; for the many saints and martyrs, men and women, who have offered up their very lives, so that your life abundant may become manifest. For all those who have been witnesses of your love in our own lives we give you thanks and for all whose contribution to humanity is currently being made manifest in our midst.

For your love and faithfulness we will at all times praise you.

O Lord, we thank you for those who chose the way of Jesus Christ. In the midst of trial, they held out hope; in the midst of hatred, they kindled love; in the midst of persecutions, they witnessed to your power; in the midst of despair, they clung to your promise. As we continue to struggle through the impact upon us and our freedoms as we continue through this pandemic, we pray for all those who do not have the depth of faith in your Son Jesus Christ to strengthen through their current difficulties.

For your love and faithfulness we will at all times praise you.

O Lord, we thank you for the truth those of faith have passed on to us; that it is by giving that we shall receive; it is by becoming weak that we shall be strong; it is by loving others that we shall be loved; it is by offering ourselves that the kingdom will unfold; it is by dying that we shall inherit life everlasting.

Hear us as we pray for the weak, the generous of heart, the vulnerable and self –sacrificing; may these personal offerings of so many bring strength, love, hope and joy to your faithful people.

For your love and faithfulness we will at all times praise you.

Finally we pray for all whom have entered into your rest, for those they leave behind to mourn their loss, for all who find loneliness and isolation from those they have loved so difficult to endure. May your love wash over them and bring them comfort in their distress.

For your love and faithfulness we will at all times praise you.

National Council of Churches of the Philippines, 14th Biennial Convention Worship Resource Book (1989) adapted.

And so we pray

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.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

**Hymn:** We have a Gospel to proclaim.

In church the hymn or music will be played for us to listen to reflectively.

**A Memorial of the Resurrection:**

At dawn on the first day of the week, the women came to the tomb.

The angel asked them, whom do you seek?

We seek Jesus of Nazareth who was crucified.

Why seek the living among the dead?

If you have taken my Lord away, tell me where you have laid him.

He is not here, he is risen as he promised;

We are witnesses of these things.

Risen Lord Jesus, as Mary Magdalen met you in the garden on the morning of your resurrection, so may we meet you today and every day.

Speak to us as you spoke to her; reveal yourself as the living Lord;

Renew our hope and kindle our joy; and send us to share the good news with others; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. Amen.

Behold, I am with you always, to the end of time.

And will come to reign among you in glory. **Alleluia!**

**Blessing:**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,

that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant,

make you perfect in every good work to do his will,

working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**