

Worship at home

This service has been put together for us to use at home on the second Sunday of Easter. Low Sunday

Gathering Opening Prayer

Almighty God,
your son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence.
Give us new hearts and constant wills
to worship you in spirit and truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Word

First reading

You will find our reading from 1 Peter 1:3-9 on the sheet of readings.

What does the author of Peter say that God has done for us?

Gospel reading

*We will read our passage from John's gospel in two parts.
First, read John 20:19-23. And then say this prayer,*

We praise and bless you,
our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory,
for in your birth you were proclaimed
the Prince of Peace,
and in your resurrection you breathe into your
people peace beyond this world's understanding.
Be present, Lord, this day
with those whose hearts know no peace.
To you, Lord Jesus,
true bringer of the peace of heaven,
be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Next, read John 20:23-31. And then say this prayer,

We praise and bless you,
our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory,
for you come to us even in our doubting.
Through the work of your Spirit,
and the loving hands of your people,
continue to reveal yourself where doubt is stronger
than faith.
To you, Lord Jesus, whose resurrection body bears
the marks of the cross,
be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Pause for reflection

Jesus comes to the scared disciples and gives them peace.

We pause to consider how/if we might be like the
scared disciples in our story.

We pause to remember before God people who are
afraid today.

We pause to pray for a sense of God's peace, for us
and for others.

Response

Prayers

Let us pray to the Lord, who is our refuge and
stronghold.

For the health and well-being of our nation,
that all who are fearful and anxious
may be at peace:

Lord, hear us, Lord, graciously hear us.

For the isolated and housebound,
that we may be alert to their needs,
and care for them in their vulnerability:
Lord, hear us, Lord, graciously hear us.

For our homes and families,
our schools and young people,
and all in any kind of need or distress:
Lord, hear us, Lord, graciously hear us.

For our local community,
that our neighbourhoods may be places of trust and
friendship, where all are known and cared for:
Lord, hear us, Lord, graciously hear us.

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,
to the mercy and protection of God.
Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of
your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Rejoicing in God's new creation, let us pray with
confidence as our Saviour has 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

Closing Responses

Today and tomorrow, today and tomorrow.

Lo, I am with you always.

When we try to do your will, I am with you always.

When we go where we do not know,
I am with you always.

When we meet one we do not recognise,
I am with you always.

Where faith ends and doubt begins,
I am with you always.

Today and tomorrow, today and tomorrow.

You are with us always
to the end of the world. Amen.

In lieu of refreshments, why not ring someone from church?

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