**Third Sunday of Easter 18th April 2021**

Hymn

1 Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing,
"My God and King!"
The heav'ns are not too high,
God's praise may thither fly;
the earth is not too low,
God's praises there may grow.
Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing,
"My God and King!"

2 Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing,
"My God and King!"
The church with psalms must shout:
no door can keep them out.
But, more than all, the heart
must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in ev'ery corner sing,
"My God and King!"

 Welcome from Rev Irene Cowell

 O Lord open our lips

 **All: And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

 In your resurrection, O Christ

 **All: Let heaven and earth rejoice, alleluia**

 Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,
 to you be praise and glory for ever.
 As once you ransomed your people from Egypt
 and led them to freedom in the promised land,
 so now you have delivered us from the dominion of darkness
 and brought us into the kingdom of your risen Son.
 May we, the first fruits of your new creation,
 rejoice in this new day you have made,
 and praise you for your mighty acts.
 Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
 ***Blessed be God for ever.***

 The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
 let us pray with one heart and mind.

***Silence is kept.***

 As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
 so may the light of your presence, O God,
 set our hearts on fire with love for you;
 now and for ever. ***Amen.***

*A time for confession*

Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us. Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

*Silence is kept*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,****we have sinned against you, through our own fault, In thought and word and deed, and in what we have left undone. For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ’s sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen**

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

**Christ, have mercy.** **Lord, have mercy.**

 **The Psalm 14**

**The Reading**

**The Reflection**

**The Benedictus**

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,

who has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,

born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets God promised of old

to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us,

To show mercy to our ancestors, and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear,

holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation

by the forgiveness of all their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**The Prayers of Intercession – Rev Jon Barwood**

**The Collect for the Day**

*As our Saviour taught us so we pray*

**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**

May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life. ***Amen.***

***The Blessing***

Let us bless the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia**

**HYMN**

O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Chorus:
**Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!**

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur
And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on a Cross, my burdens gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!