

Morning Worship Online – 11th April 2021

Second Sunday of Easter

Words of Welcome – Adam

1. *The Introduction*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

This is the day that the Lord has made:

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

We have come together as the family of God in our Father's presence, to offer him praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive his word, to bring before him the needs of the world and to seek his grace, that, through his Son, Jesus Christ, we may give ourselves to his service.

How often have we heard the good news of forgiveness and restoration? Yet, we are still reluctant to believe. God offers us new life, yet we are afraid to let go of the old. Let us confess our doubts and fears to the One who waits to make us whole.

Silence

Let us confess our sins to the Father and seek his pardon and peace.

Almighty and merciful God,

we have sinned against you

in thought, word and deed.

We have not loved you with all our heart;

and we have not loved others as Christ loves us.

We are truly sorry.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Help us to amend our lives;

that we may delight in your will

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your name. Amen.

If we confess our sins,
the one who is faithful and just
will forgive us our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
Sisters and Brothers,
.....your sins are forgiven;
..... be at peace.

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Opening responses...

This is the good news which we proclaim to you.
Jesus Christ is raised from the dead!

Walk in the light of his love.
Live in the light of his teachings and healing mercies.

Come, let us worship the One Who overcame death.
Let us celebrate the triumph of our Lord. Amen.

*written by Nancy C. Townley, and posted on the **Worship Connection** page of the
Ministry Matters website.*

2. *The Ministry of the Word*

Hymn – God is here, as we his people (Choir of St John’s Maindee)

Reading – John 20:24-29 (NIV)

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

Jesus and Thomas

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon – Gareth

A Baptismal Creed

**I believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist.**

**I believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again.**

**I believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world.**

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

3. *Prayers – Adam*

We conclude our prayers by praying with confidence to the Father, 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.**

Collect for Second Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked,
no entrance barred,
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others and
walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.
Amen.

4. *Conclusion*

May God the Father,
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
awaken you to new life. **Amen.**

May Christ
who walked with the disciples on the road to Emmaus,
kindle in you the fire of his love
and strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life. **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit,
whom the risen Lord breathed into his disciples,
send you out to bring his new life to the world. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Farewell Words - Adam

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all, evermore. Amen.**

Final Hymn – In Christ Alone