

Morning Worship Online – 18th April 2021

Third Sunday of Easter

Words of Welcome – Gareth

I. 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.

We have heard what was written about Jesus in Scripture:

how he would suffer and die

and then rise from the dead on the third day;

how, through his death and resurrection,

the forgiveness of sin is now possible

for all who repent.

So let us boldly approach the throne of God,

where we will find grace and mercy.

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.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,

have mercy on you and set you free from sin,

strengthen you in goodness and keep you in eternal life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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 – The Servant King (BandLab)

Reading – Luke 24:36-48 (NIV)

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

³⁶ While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

³⁷ They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.”

⁴⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹ And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate it in their presence.

⁴⁴ He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

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

Sermon – Adam

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 – Gareth*

Concluding with...

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.**

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Almighty Father
who in your great mercy
gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened
and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
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 - Gareth

**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 – Praise my soul, the King of Heaven (St John's Choir, Maindee, Newport)