

## **Liturgy and Prayers for Easter 3: At Home**

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## **The Second Sunday of Easter**

with Rev Gareth Erlandson

(liturgy from Church In Wales Daily Prayer 2009, the Hope4All service and  
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### **Our Opening Prayers**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

We gather together now as the family of God,  
In our Father's presence,  
To offer him praise and thanksgiving,  
To hear and receive his holy 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.

A new week lies open before us;  
Let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new week,  
So may the light of your presence, O God,  
Set our hearts on fire with love for you,  
Now and forever. **Amen.**

*We take a moment of quiet and stillness now to call to mind and lay before God the things that stand between us and him – the ways in which we have failed to love him and to love others as he would want.*

We say to God:

**Healing God,**

**Take from us what we need to carry no longer**

**So that we may be free again**

**To choose to serve you**

**And to be served by each other. Amen.**

And because we know we have a loving and merciful God, who through the death and resurrection of Jesus has paid the price for our sin, we can boldly say together:

**May God forgive us**

**Christ come alongside us**

**And the Holy Spirit renew and better our lives.**

**Amen.**

*Hymn of Praise*

**In Christ alone my hope is found,**

**He is my light, my strength, my song**

**This Cornerstone, this solid Ground**

**Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.**

**What heights of love, what depths of peace**

**When fears are stilled, when strivings cease**

**My Comforter, my All in All**

**Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,**

**Fullness of God in helpless babe.**

**This gift of love and righteousness,**

**Scorned by the ones He came to save**

**Till on that cross as Jesus died,**

**The wrath of God was satisfied**

**For every sin on Him was laid**

**Here in the death of Christ I live.**

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tFJtq1Be3zo>

## **The Gospel Reading from Luke 24:13-25 NIV(UK)**

(from [www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com))

### *On the Road to Emmaus*

<sup>13</sup> Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. <sup>15</sup> As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; <sup>16</sup> but they were kept from recognizing him.

<sup>17</sup> He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?"

They stood still, their faces downcast. <sup>18</sup> One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

<sup>19</sup> “What things?” he asked.

“About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. <sup>20</sup> The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; <sup>21</sup> but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. <sup>22</sup> In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning <sup>23</sup> but didn’t find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.”

<sup>25</sup> He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” <sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

<sup>28</sup> As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them.

<sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

<sup>33</sup> They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together <sup>34</sup> and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” <sup>35</sup> Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

***A Thought for the Week from Rev Gareth Erlandson***

*We affirm our faith*

**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.**

## **The Intercessions**

*Gareth leads us in prayers of intercession and concludes*

**Merciful Father,  
Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*A Collect Prayer for the Third Sunday of Easter*  
**Risen Christ,  
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:  
strengthen us also to proclaim your risen life  
and fill us with your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*The Lord's Prayer*

As our Saviour taught us, we boldly 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.**

## **Our Closing Prayers**

When we are disappointed and worn down;

**Lord, walk with us.**

When we doubt what we believe;

**Lord, teach us.**

When we need a sign;

**Lord, break the bread.**

When we seek your kingdom;

**Lord, fill our hearts with fire.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**In the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*The Grace*

**The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

**the love of God,**

**and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore.**

**Amen.**

A final song for today – please either copy the YouTube here ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a3HH\\_-1Zbs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a3HH_-1Zbs)) or click on the link that Kirsty will pop into the comments if you'd like to sing along at home...

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly trust is Jesus' name.

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Christ alone, Cornerstone  
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love  
Through the storm  
He is Lord  
Lord of all.

When darkness seems to hide His face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil  
My anchor holds within the veil.

Christ alone, Cornerstone  
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love  
Through the storm  
He is Lord  
Lord of all  
He is Lord  
Lord of all, Christ alone.

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Christ alone, Cornerstone.  
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love  
Through the storm  
He is Lord  
Lord of all.

When he shall come with trumpet sound  
Oh, may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless, stand before the throne.  
Cornerstone  
Oh, yeah, in the Saviour's love  
He is Lord  
Lord of all  
Christ alone, Cornerstone  
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love  
Through the storm  
He is Lord  
Lord of all

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