

## Lord's Day worship: Easter Sunday 12 April 2020

### Before we join together: two hymns to sing – to help us prepare

- (1) "See, what a morning" - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-LgE\\_E7yaz4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-LgE_E7yaz4)
- (2) "In Christ alone" - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=est8VHSajcE>

### At 10.45am: scripture, call to worship, and prayer for God's presence and blessing

*This Easter Sunday we begin by listening to God's Word in Romans 6:9-11*

"We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus."

*We read together from Psalm 118:1*

"Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever."

*We pray together*

Lord of all life and power,  
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son  
overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him:  
grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ,  
may reign with him in glory;  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might,  
now and in all eternity. Amen.

### An Easter Reading: Luke 23:44-56

### Confessing our sins and seeking the assurance of forgiveness

*Together:*

Father, we have sinned against you.  
We are not worthy to be called your children.  
We turn to you again.  
Have mercy on us, bring us back to yourself  
as those who once were dead but now have life  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Leader: prays in thanksgiving for Christ's death and resurrection, and asks for the Lord to help us know deeply the joy of forgiveness.*

### An Easter Reading: Luke 24:1-12

### Declaring our faith in the resurrected Christ (from the Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 45)

*Leader:*

How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

*We declare together:*

First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he could make us share in the righteousness which he had obtained for us by his death. Second, by his power we too are raised up to a new life. Third, Christ's resurrection is to us a sure pledge of our glorious resurrection.

## Easter Reading: Luke 24:13-35

### Notices

### Congregational Bible reading – Isaiah 25:1-9

LORD, you are my God;  
I will exalt you and praise your name,  
for in perfect faithfulness  
you have done wonderful things,  
things planned long ago.  
<sup>2</sup>You have made the city a heap of rubble,  
the fortified town a ruin,  
the foreigners' stronghold a city no more;  
it will never be rebuilt.  
<sup>3</sup>Therefore strong peoples will honour you;  
cities of ruthless nations will revere you.  
<sup>4</sup>You have been a refuge for the poor,  
a refuge for the needy in their distress,  
a shelter from the storm  
and a shade from the heat.  
For the breath of the ruthless  
is like a storm driving against a wall  
<sup>5</sup> and like the heat of the desert.  
You silence the uproar of foreigners;  
as heat is reduced by the shadow of a cloud,  
so the song of the ruthless is stilled.

On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare  
a feast of rich food for all peoples,  
a banquet of aged wine—  
the best of meats and the finest of wines.  
<sup>7</sup>On this mountain he will destroy  
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,  
the sheet that covers all nations;  
<sup>8</sup> he will swallow up death forever.  
The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears  
from all faces;  
he will remove his people's disgrace  
from all the earth.  
The LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup>In that day they will say,

"Surely this is our God;  
we trusted in him, and he saved us.  
This is the LORD, we trusted in him;  
let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

### Prayers of intercession

*Today we pray for: (i) church family needs; (ii) the unity & growth of our church; (iii) gospel growth.*

### Biblereading and sermon – Luke 24:36-49

#### A prayer for God's blessing

"Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it." (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24)

### Singing in response to God's Word: "Thine be the glory"