

# ALL AGE WORSHIP SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 11<sup>th</sup> April 2021

# Streamed on Line from 10.00am



**JESUS APPEARS TO THE DISCIPLES** 

# Welcome and Introduction.

### **LEADER**

This morning we are having what is called an All-Age Worship or a service for the whole family. All Age Worship is

- An opportunity for people of all ages, understandings and experiences to come together to offer God their praise and worship
- A time when the whole family of God can learn from each other and grow together
- A concept which requires us to think what we mean by "worship" and "family of God"

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### **OPENING PRAYERS**

We are not once a week friends

We are the family of God

We are not a cosy club

We are the body of Christ

We are not just strangers meeting

We are temples of the Holy Spirit

We are not here by accident

Our Father has called us to worship

We are not just filling up an hour

Jesus wants us to know him better

We are not just going through the motions

The Holy Spirit has some special words for us

So come; draw near to our God

And God will draw near to us

Let us come before God together as members of the same family- parts of the body of Christ, loved and accepted by Jesus.

Thank you, Jesus, for uniting us with the Father so we can all be children of God. Thank you that we are adopted into Your family by grace and have a place where we belong and are eternally loved.

Amen.

# **Hymn Thine be the Glory**

Thine be the glory
Risen conquering Son
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won
1
Angels in bright raiment
Rolled the stone away
Kept the folded grave clothes
Where Thy body lay

Thine be the glory
Risen conquering Son
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won
2
Lo! Jesus meets us
Risen from the tomb
Lovingly, He greets us
Scatters fear and gloom
Let the church with gladness
Hymns of triumph sing
For her Lord now liveth
Death hath lost its sting

Thine be the glory
Risen conquering Son
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won
3
No more we doubt Thee
Glorious Prince of life

Glorious Prince of life
Life is naught without Thee
Aid us in our strife
Make us more than conquerors
Through Thy deathless love
Bring us safe through Jordan
To Thy home above
Thine is the glory
Risen conquering Son
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won

Edmond Louis Budry (1854-1932)
Translated Richard Birch Hoyle (1875-1939)

## PUPPET SCRIPT - LISTENING TO GOD

### **CONFESSION**

Heavenly Father remind us this morning of how amazing you really are! Forgive us for the times when we've allowed ourselves to be distracted and do not listen to you. Fill us with a fresh sense of wonder and awe for you as we come to worship you today. AMEN

Psalm 133 Jason Silver Song (You Tube)

# Reading

# John 20:19-23 THE MESSAGE

Later on that day, the disciples had gathered together, but, fearful of the Jews, had locked all the doors in the house. Jesus entered, stood among them, and said, "Peace to you." Then he showed them his hands and side. The disciples, seeing the Master with their own eyes, were awestruck. Jesus repeated his greeting: "Peace to you. Just as the Father sent me, I send you." Then he took a deep breath and breathed into them. "Receive the Holy Spirit," he said. "If you forgive someone's sins, they're gone for good. If you don't forgive sins, what are you going to do with them?"

# **LEADER Jo Heath Some thoughts about our reading**

Reader: John 20:24-31 Mike Ireland

But Thomas, sometimes called the Twin, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples told him, "We saw the Master." But he said, "Unless I see the nail holes in his hands, put my finger in the nail holes, and stick my hand in his side, I won't believe it." Eight days later, his disciples were again in the room. This time Thomas

was with them. Jesus came through the locked doors, stood among them, and said, "Peace to you." Then he focused his attention on Thomas. "Take your finger and examine my hands. Take your hand and stick it in my side. Don't be unbelieving. Believe." Thomas said, "My Master! My God!" Jesus said, "So, you believe because you've seen with your own eyes. Even better blessings are in store for those who believe without seeing." Jesus provided far more God-revealing signs than are written down in this book. These are written down so you will believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and in the act of believing, have real and eternal life in the way he personally revealed it. AMEN

### **REFLECTION Kate Wilson**

# Hymn

OUR GOD IS A GREAT BIG GOD

Chorus: Our God is a great big God

Our God is a great big God

Our God is a great big God

And he holds us in his hands.

Repeat.

1. He's higher than a sky scraper

And he's deeper than a submarine.

He's wider than the universe

And beyond my wildest dreams.

And he's known me and he's loved me

Since before the world began.

How wonderful to be a part

# Of God's amazing plan.

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### **Creed:**

Christ has died,

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

Christ will come again.

I believe, Alleluia!

I believe, Alleluia!

# **Prayers:**

# Let us pray:

We praise You Jesus that You, the Son of God, are the Lord of Heaven and earth and we worship You on this wonderful day when we are together in church and scattered in our own homes.

We praise You Jesus that on the cross You paid for our sins in full so that we may be set free to know our Heavenly Father's love.

We praise You Jesus that You defeated death making it possible for us to live with You forever.

We praise You Jesus that Your life within us can change the world. Keep us faithfully following You. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

# **NOTICES**

### FEEDBACK REGARDING EASTER IN A BAG

### **HYMN**

My Lighthouse by the Rend Collective In my wrestling and in my doubts In my failures You won't walk out Your great love will lead me through You are the peace in my troubled sea You are the peace in my troubled sea In the silence, You won't let go In the questions, Your truth will hold Your great love will lead me through You are the peace in my troubled sea You are the peace in my troubled sea My lighthouse, my lighthouse Shining in the darkness, I will follow You My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse I will trust the promise You will carry me safe to shore... Safe to shore... Safe to shore... Safe to shore I won't fear what tomorrow brings With each morning I'll rise and sing My God's love will lead me through You are the peace in my troubled sea You are the peace in my troubled sea... You are my light My lighthouse, my lighthouse

Shining in the darkness, I will follow You

My lighthouse, my lighthouse I will trust the promise

You will carry me safe to shore...

Safe to shore...

Safe to shore...

Safe to shore...

Fire before us, You're the brightest

You will lead us through the storms

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Safe to shore...

Safe to shore...

Safe to shore

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