**Worship for Easter Day 2020**

**St Peter’s Shipley Online *Sunday 12 April 2020***

***The Greeting***

Alleluia! Christ is risen

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

***Praise***

See, what a morning, gloriously bright,

With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;

Folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light,

As the angels announce, "Christ is risen!"

See God's salvation plan,

Wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,

Fulfilled in Christ, the Man,

For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

See Mary weeping, "Where is He laid?"

As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;

Hears a voice speaking, calling her name;

It's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!

The voice that spans the years,

Speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,

Will sound till He appears,

For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

One with the Father, Ancient of Days,

Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty.

Honour and blessing, glory and praise

To the King crowned with pow'r and authority!

And we are raised with Him,

Death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered;

And we shall reign with Him,

For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

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***Confession***

Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us

Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil

And confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart:

Like Mary at the empty tomb,

We fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.

Lord, have mercy

**Lord, have mercy**

Like the disciples behind locked doors,

We are afraid to be seen as your followers.

Lord, have mercy

**Lord, have mercy**

Like Thomas, in the upper room,

We are slow to believe.

Lord, have mercy

**Lord, have mercy**

May the father forgive us

By the death of his son

And strengthen us

To live in the power of the spirit

All our days

Amen.

***Story***

‘The Whole Story’ by Bob Hartman

(Told by Helen Scott)

Story refrain:

Worship God (*Lift arms up in praise*)

Know you’re loved (*Cross arms over chest*)

Love one another (*Hold hands together in front of you*)

And make good use of the world (*Make big circle with hands in front of you*)

***The Word of God***

**Mark 16:1-8**

1 When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus’ body. 2 Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb 3 and they asked each other, “Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?”

4 But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. 5 As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

6 “Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. 7 But go, tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.’”

8 Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

***Short Talk from John***

***Prayers***

**Thanks –** Lord Jesus, thank you for dying on the cross to take away all the things that we have done wrong. Thak you that you didn’t stay dead, you are alive today and you are always with us to help us.

Amen

**Hope** – Lord Jesus, we thank you that because of your death and resurrection, there is hope for everybody in the whole world. We pray this morning for everybody we know who doesn’t know that God loves them and that Jesus died for them and rose again to fix all the things they ever did wrong. Help us to be good friends to them and to show them how you want us to live and help them to learn more about your love for them.

Amen

**New Life** – As we thank you for your new life this morning Lord Jesus, we pray for everywhere in the world where new life is especially needed. We pray for everywhere there is fighting or widespread hunger and poverty or people are treated badly or unfairly. We pray especially for all world leaders this morning, help them to turn to you as they work out what to do in their countries and especially how to respond to the coronavirus pandemic.

Amen

**Love** – Lord, we pray especially for anyone who needs to feel your love especially this Easter Day. We pray for anyone who is ill with COVID-19 infection, or with any other form of illness. We pray for anyone who is feeling alone at this time or who is struggling in any way with the needing to stay at home and away from others. We pray for anyone who is sad right now because of the death of someone they love. We pray especially today for Ann Davies, a member of our congregation here and for our friend and former curate, Julie Bacon – both Ann and Julie have lost their dads in the past few days. In a moment of quiet now, let’s remember anybody that we are concerned for this morning in any way and leave them with God, asking that he will comfort and heal and restore them.

As we leave all our prayers at the foot of the cross, we say together:

**Merciful Father**

**Accept these prayers**

**For the sake of your son**

**Our Saviour, Jesus Christ**

**Amen**

***The Peace***

This risen Christ came and stood among his disciples

And said: ‘Peace be with you.’

They were glad when they saw the Lord.

Alleluia!

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

***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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***Thanksgiving Prayer***

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**It is right to give thanks and praise**

Why is it right to give thanks and praise?

**Because God is love and does wonderful things**

Lord of all life, you created the universe

Where all living things reflect your glory

You give us this great and beautiful earth

To discover and to cherish

You give us Easter time and things to celebrate

In these we taste your kingdom, a feast for all to share

You made us all each wonderfully different

To join with the angels and sing your praise

**Holy holy holy Lord**

**God of power and might**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory**

**Hosanna in the highest**

We thank you loving father

Because you sent Jesus, your son

He gave his life for us on the cross

And shows us the way to live

Send your Holy Spirit

That these gifts of bread and wine

May be for us Christ’s body and his blood

Why do we share this bread and wine?

**Because Jesus makes them signs of his love**

On the night before he died when darkness had fallen

Jesus took bread

He gave thanks, broke it and shared it with his disciples

‘This is my body’ he said

‘Given for you. Do this to remember me.’

After they had eaten, he took the cup

He gave thanks and shared wine with his disciples

‘This is my blood’ he said, ‘Poured out for you and for all people

‘To save them from their sins

‘Do this to remember me.’

Father, with this bread and this cup

We celebrate Jesus’ love, his death, his risen life

As you feed us with these gifts,

Send your Holy Spirit and change us more and more to be like Jesus, our Saviour

Why do we follow Jesus Christ?

**Because he is God’s saving love**

Help us to love one another

and to work together for that day

when the whole world is fed, suffering is ended

And all creation is gathered in your loving arms

With all your saints we give you glory through Jesus Christ

In the strength of the Spirit for ever and ever

**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.**

***Prayer at Communion***

**Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,**

**For all the benefits you have given me**

**For all the pains and insults you have bourne for me**

**Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally**

**I ask you to come spiritually into my heart**

**O most merciful Redeemer, friend and brother,**

**may I know you more clearly**

**Love you more dearly**

**and follow you more nearly, day by day**

**Amen**

***Prayer after Communion***

Glorious Lord of Life

We praise you that by the mighty resurrection of your son

You have delivered us from sin and death

And made your whole creation new

Grant that we, who celebrate with joy Christ’s rising from the dead

May be raised from the death of sin to the life of righteousness

Through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit

One God, now and for ever

**Amen**

Jesus Christ our Saviour,

You have delivered us from death and sin

You have brought us with the dawn to a new beginning

Grant us strength and humility to enter in to your new life

Amen

***Blessing***

So may Christ, who out of defeat

Brings new hope and a new future;

Fill us with his new life;

And the blessing of God Almighty,

The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit

Be upon us and remain with us always

Amen

God has claimed us as his own.

He has brought us out of darkness.

He has made us light to the world.

Alleluia! Christ is risen

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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