**Evening Worship at Home for the Fourth**

**Sunday of Easter**

**St Peter’s Shipley Online *Sunday 03 May 2020***

***The Greeting***

O God, make speed to save us.

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

In your resurrection, O Christ,

**Let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia.**

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord,

the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the deep waters of death

you brought your people to new birth

by raising your Son to life in triumph.

Through him dark death has been destroyed

and radiant life is everywhere restored.

As you call us out of darkness into his marvellous light

may our lives reflect his glory

and our lips repeat the endless song.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful,

let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept*

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,

so may your mercy come down upon us

to cleanse our hearts

and set us free to sing your praise

now and for ever.

**Amen.**

***Praise***

**You unravel me with a melody**

**You surround me with a song**

**Of deliverance from my enemies**

**'Til all my fears are gone**

**I'm no longer a slave to fear**

**I am a child of God**

**I'm no longer a slave to fear**

**I am a child of God**

**From my mother's womb**

**You have chosen me**

**Love has called my name**

**I've been born again**

**Into your family**

**Your blood flows through my veins**

**Oh oh oh oh oh**

**Oh oh oh oh oh**

**Oh oh oh oh oh**

**Oh oh oh oh oh**

***You split the sea***

***So I could walk right through it***

***My fears were drowned in Perfect Love***

***You rescued me***

***And I will stand and sing***

***I am a child of God***

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***Confession***

God shows his love for us

In that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Let us then show our love for him

By confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**God our Father**

**Long-suffering, full of grace and truth,**

**You create us from nothing and give us life.**

**You give your faithful people new life in the water of baptism.**

**You do not turn your face from us,**

**Nor cast us aside.**

**We confess that we have sinned**

**Against you and our neighbour.**

**We have wounded your love and marred your image in us.**

**Restore us for the sake of your Son,**

**And bring us to heavenly joy,**

**In Jesus Christ our Lord,**

**Amen.**

Almighty God

Who in Jesus Christ has given us

a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,

forgive us our sins,

open our eyes to God’s truth,

strengthen us to do God’s will

and give us the joy of his kingdom,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

The Lord is my strength and my song:

he has become my salvation.

**The Lord is my strength and my song:**

**he has become my salvation.**

I shall not die, but live,

and declare the works of the Lord.

**He has become my salvation.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**The Lord is my strength and my song:**

**he has become my salvation.**

***The Word of God***

**Old Testament Reading**

**Isaiah 55 Invitation to the Thirsty**

1 “Come, all you who are thirsty,

 come to the waters;

and you who have no money,

 come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

 without money and without cost.

2 Why spend money on what is not bread,

 and your labour on what does not satisfy?

Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,

 and you will delight in the richest of fare.

3 Give ear and come to me;

 listen, that you may live.

I will make an everlasting covenant with you,

 my faithful love promised to David.

4 See, I have made him a witness to the peoples,

 a ruler and commander of the peoples.

5 Surely you will summon nations you know not,

 and nations you do not know will come running to you,

because of the Lord your God,

 the Holy One of Israel,

 for he has endowed you with splendour.”

6 Seek the Lord while he may be found;

 call on him while he is near.

7 Let the wicked forsake their ways

 and the unrighteous their thoughts.

Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them,

 and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

8 “For my thoughts are not your thoughts,

 neither are your ways my ways,”

declares the Lord.

9 “As the heavens are higher than the earth,

 so are my ways higher than your ways

 and my thoughts than your thoughts.

10 As the rain and the snow

 come down from heaven,

and do not return to it

 without watering the earth

and making it bud and flourish,

 so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,

11 so is my word that goes out from my mouth:

 It will not return to me empty,

but will accomplish what I desire

 and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

12 You will go out in joy

 and be led forth in peace;

the mountains and hills

 will burst into song before you,

and all the trees of the field

 will clap their hands.

13 Instead of the thornbush will grow the juniper,

 and instead of briers the myrtle will grow.

This will be for the Lord’s renown,

 for an everlasting sign,

 that will endure forever.”

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**New Testament Reading**

**Romans 8:5-17 Life through the Spirit**

**5**Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. **6**The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. **7**The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law, nor can it do so. **8**Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

**9**You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. **10**But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives lifebecause of righteousness. **11**And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

**12**Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. **13**For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

**14**For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. **15**The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, *“Abba,* Father.” **16**The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. **17**Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

***Short Talk from John***

***Prayers***

**Come, come as you are**

**All you weak, all you burdened**

**Come, come as you are**

**All you poor in hope.**

**Come, come as you are**

**Are you tired, are weary?**

**Come, come as you are**

**All you broken souls**

**Jesus loves you**

**Come to the mercy of God**

**Hold on to the love of the cross**

**Run to the arms of Jesus**

**Come to the fountain of life**

**His blood washes whiter than white**

**Run to the arms of Jesus**

**Come, come to the cross**

**All who seek, all who wander**

**Come, come to the cross**

**Every restless soul**

**Jesus loves you**

***I surrender all I am at the cross***

***I will lay my burdens down***

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***I will lay my burdens down at the cross***

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Living God, Father of light,

hope of nations, friend of sinners,

builder of the city that is to come:

you love is made visible in Jesus Christ

you bring home the lost, restore the sinner

and give dignity to the despised.

In the face of Jesus Christ

Your love shines out,

Flooding lives with goodness and truth,

Gathering into one a divided and broken humanity.

Nothing separates us from your love:

Neither death nor life,

Neither angels nor demons,

Neither the present nor the future,

Nor any heavenly powers,

Neither the world above nor the world below”

Nothing in all creation can separate us

From your love in Jesus Christ.

In all these things we are more than conquerors

Through him who loves us,

And has freed us from our sins

And made us a kingdom and priests

To serve you for ever.

Father in heaven

**We give you thanks and praise.**

And so let us pray to the Lord

**Lord have mercy.**

For the nations of the world,

For Elizabeth, our Queen, Boris, our Prime Minister

And for all in authority,

Let us pray to the Lord,

**Lord have mercy**

For the Church of Christ,

For Nick and Toby our Bishops,

For John and all our staff team

For the whole people of God.

Let us pray to the Lord,

**Lord have mercy**

For this town of Shipley,

For our neighbours and our friends.

Let us pray to the Lord,

**Lord have mercy**

For the poor and the oppressed,

For the unemployed and the destitute

For prisoners and captives,

And for all who remember and care for them.

Let us pray to the Lord,

**Lord have mercy**

For the aged and infirm,

For the sick and suffering,

For all in any need.

For the dying, for those who mourn.

For all of us as we look forward to the day

When we share the fullness of the resurrection,

Let us commend ourselves, and one another,

And all our life, to God.

**Lord have mercy**

***The collect for the 4th Sunday of Easter***

Almighty God,

Whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:

Raise us, who trust in him,

From the death of sin to the life of righteousness,

That we may seek those things which are above,

Where he reigns with you

In the unity of the Holy Spirit,

One God, now and for ever

**Amen.**

***The Lord’s Prayer***

Rejoicing in God’s new creation,

as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,**

**Hallowed be your name,**

**Your kingdom come,**

**Your will be done,**

**On earth, as it is in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our sins,**

**As we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,**

**And deliver us from evil**

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours**

**Now and for ever**

**Amen**

***Praise***

**Amazing grace
How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see**

 **'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed**

**My chains are gone
I've been set free
My God, my Saviour has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love, Amazing grace**

**The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures**

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***Conclusion***

May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life.

**Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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