

Easter Sunday 12 April 2020
Vicar's Easter Day 2020 News, Updates and Service

Dear Church Family Members and Parish Friends,

Happy Easter! To all of you and all in your households.

I hope very much that this finds you well and that you have been able to celebrate something of Holy Week this week.

Below is the worship for this morning - including songs chosen by Simon Parnall, intercessions by Lucy Moore and a reading and sermon from myself. Many thanks to both Simon and Lucy for their contributions.

Firstly, many of you have been saying how much you have enjoyed having worship every day this week - and how sad you will be that it is coming to a conclusion and we will return to the usual pattern of a once weekly news email from me and worship provided on Sunday.

... I am delighted to tell you about two things which may help with this:

1) Firstly, Spring Harvest will be providing a wonderful worship & 'get deeper with God' opportunity this coming week (Monday to Friday), for us all in our homes FREE of charge. Information about how to join in with this is attached, along with a programme of different events expected. On the following link, you can find out about it and subscribe for the week if you would like to: <https://www.youtube.com/user/SpringHarvest>

2) Secondly, from the week after next (the week after the Spring Harvest provision) we will be starting a series of 'Zoom events' across the parish for anyone who would like to, to join in with (WB. 20th April). More information will be shared about this in the parish weekly news this coming week - about when and how to get involved.

Lots to look forward to!

Now, without further ado... the worship for today is below.

With love to and prayers for you all,
Alex

Service Introduction & Opening Prayer:

You may like to offer an opening prayer of your own, or pray the following prayer - incorporating the whole Trinity- from 'Prayer Scapes':

*O Lord,
Risen, alive and full of grace.
You paid such a price that we may live in freedom today.
We worship your holy name and give thanks for your redeeming grace.*

*Heavenly Father,
May we drink in your tender love so that we can pour this love out to others.
Come reign in our hearts, minds and spirits.*

*Holy Spirit,
We welcome you to blow through our every word, action and thought.
Come transform us on the inside so that each day we become more like our risen Lord.*

Amen.

Song 1 - Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Sing along with or listen to this rousing version of this beautiful song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6sj9ljVsfk>

Song 2 - In a Tomb So Cold They Laid Him

If you'd like a second song, sing along with or listen to this equally joyful song by Graham Kendrick: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pJ3ZJ5vq768>

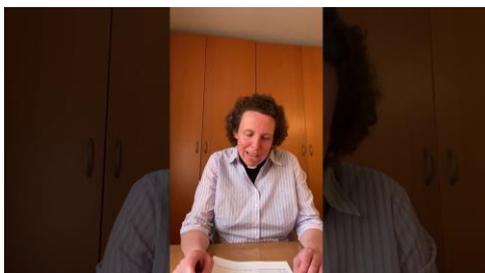
Reading: Luke 24.1-12

You may like to read this in your own bibles, or on the following link: <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+24%3A+1-12&version=NIV>

I also read it at the start of my sermon.

The Sermon:

Please listen to & view my Easter message here: <https://youtu.be/RyUGZjSYilk>



Easter Sunday Sermon

On Luke chapter 24 verses 1-12
youtu.be

Song 3: There is a Green Hill in a far away country

This beautiful rendition of this song is helpful for reflecting in a different way on what our Lord has done for us at Easter time. (Thank you so much Simon for finding it). The link is here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1C2mh8D4IME>

Intercessions:

Please listen to & join in with Lucy's intercessions by following this link and then conclude with the Lord's prayer below: <https://youtu.be/l60BSxAMAZk>

*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.*

Song 4: Thine be the Glory!

For our final song (another rousing one!), please click here and sing along as loud as you can!: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GaoV5w2Qfag>

Closing Prayer: (You may like to read the one I have written, or pray something similar of your own)

Loving Lord,

We thank you for being with us during this time of worship.

Thank you for Holy Week, where we remember all that you did for us in dying on the cross and rising again to glory, on Easter Sunday.

May we live as resurrection people today and always, secure in your love and the hope of eternal life.

Amen.

Rev Alex Williams

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