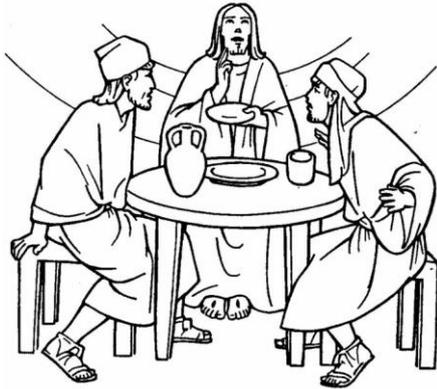


Prayer and worship at home



3rd Sunday of Easter, 2021

Preparation

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Alleluia, Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

The Act of Penitence

As we pray, we reflect on the week that has passed
and ask the Lord for his forgiveness and healing.

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you feed us with the living bread.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Words of forgiveness

May the God of love and power
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Special Prayer for this week

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

The Word of the Lord

First Reading: Acts 3. 12-19

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. “And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

The Holy Gospel | Luke 24. 36-48

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord

While the eleven and their companions were talking about what they had heard, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, ‘Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.’ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.

While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you – that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

Affirmation of faith

Let us declare our faith
in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe.
Amen.**

Prayers of intercession

*(Here you may wish to offer prayer in your own words,
or be prompted by the words here)*

*We pray for the Church of God throughout the world:
for the Diocese of Blackburn and for Julian, Philip and
Jill our bishops...*

*We continue to give thanks for the resurrection of Jesus
Christ and for the hope and light He brings into the
world...*

We pray for the Diocesan Coronavirus Task Group...

*We pray for all living with Covid-19... for those caring
for them and for all who are anxious or worried...*

*We pray for our NHS and all doctors and nurses...
We remember those who have died in recent days, and
all whom we love but see no longer... may they rest for
ever in the light and peace of Christ.*

The Lord's Prayer

Joining with Christians throughout the world,
we pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven....

or

Our Father in heaven....

The Grace

We conclude our prayers

**The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the fellowship of the
Holy Spirit, be with us all, evermore. Amen.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Readings for the coming week:

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| Monday | Psalm 96 | John 6.22-29 |
| Tuesday | Psalm 98 | John 6.30-35 |
| Wednesday | Psalm 105 | John 6.35-40 |
| Thursday | Psalm 136 | John 6.44-51 |

Friday St. George

Psalm 126
2. Tim. 2.3-13
John 15.18-21

God of hosts,
who so kindled the flame of love
in the heart of your servant George
that he bore witness to the risen Lord
by his life and by his death:
give us the same faith and power of love
that we who rejoice in his triumphs
may come to share with him the fullness of the
resurrection;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

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| Saturday | Psalm 148 | John 6. 60-69 |
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