

On Line

Opening Hymn – As We Are Gathered

This is the day the Lord has made. **So, let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Now stretch out your hand to the screen and lets virtually take hands and say:

‘Jesus Loves you and so do I’

Our service today reflects on doubt and God’s assurance, as we now worship in Song, Scripture and prayer.

Please say the words together as they appear on screen in Yellow during this service:

Let us Pray - We gather as people on a journey. We believe & we have doubts, we do good & we sin. We are imperfect humans, and still beloved by God. Love and grace. Hope and faith. These are the essence of the one we call God. We seek forgiveness & grace from the One and from those we’ve harmed. Assured of that grace, we are ready to grow again. We yearn for a new way, a new perspective, and a clear path. Though we are full of trust and full of doubt, we are here.

Our hearts and our minds sing out to you with praise this day. We rejoice in the power that you have unleashed upon the world with the resurrection of Jesus -- we thank you for the abiding love that you have bestowed upon us in the promises you have made to him and through him. We come before you, O Lord, as his servants - we come before you as a resurrection community - as an Easter people - and we ask your holy and transforming presence. Bless us at this hour, that we may become what you would have us be and that we might bring honour and glory unto your name, and unto the name of Christ Jesus our Lord and Saviour. **Amen**

2nd Hymn - Let There Be Love Shared Among Us lyric video

We are a wandering people, O God, who seek refuge and protection in the vanity of our world. Accept now our confession of sin and our desire to be closer to you.

Let us confess –

Creator God, we confess that at times we are skeptics. At times we doubt that You exist because of the evil we have seen in the world. Oppression, marginalization, and plain hate still plague our world, and it is hard to see Your love and light. Sometimes, even those who bear Your name and do not walk in Your ways.

Help us to see Your goodness in this world. Help us to know Your love. Fill us with Your love and goodness, so that we might love one another, and lift up one another in faith. Amen.

The psalmist says, “I am sure I shall see the goodness of our God in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!”

Know that you do not wait alone. God has given us one another for this journey of faith, to help one another. Know that you do not wait alone; Christ is with us. Be encouraged, and encourage one another. Go and share the Good News. **Amen.**

Let us pray

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. **Amen.**

1st Reading – Acts 5:17-32 (NIV)

2nd Reading – Psalm 150 (NIV)

3rd Hymn – The Spirit Lives to Set Us Free

3rd Reading – John 20: 19-31 (NIV)

SERMON: It happened that you may believe

4th Hymn – Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing

Let us pray

Lord, I am so grateful for my salvation! It is the most wonderful gift You have ever given me. It changed my life and set me free; it brought healing to my body and deliverance to my mind. I want to wrap the knowledge of all that my salvation includes around my mind so tightly that the devil can never steal these benefits from my life.

Holy Spirit, I ask You to help me study and to understand everything Jesus purchased for me at the Cross. Reveal it to me; convince me of its truth; and help me to wear that revelation knowledge on my head like a mighty, fortified, spiritual helmet! I pray this in Jesus' name!. Amen.

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers - Intercessions and Lord's Prayer

5th Hymn – Now The Green Blade Rises

Presentation of offerings

On my own, what I have to give doesn't amount to much in the light of all you have given to me, and in the face of so much need. Put together as a congregation, what we offer you here in love becomes more, not simply added together, but somehow multiplied in its usefulness. We ask you to bless our gifts and with the addition of your blessing, just as it was with the loaves and fishes, there is enough for all. **Amen**

Notices (if any)

In the power of the Holy Spirit, we now go forth into the world, to fulfil our calling as the people of God, the body of Christ.

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All Christ is our light that illumines and guides us. Christ as our shield that overshadows us. Christ is under us; Christ is over us; Christ is beside us and on our left and on our right. This day be within and without us, lowly and meek and yet all powerful. Be in the heart of each in whom we speak; in the mouth of each who speaks unto us.

This day be within and without us, lowly and meek, yet all powerful. Christ as our light; Christ as our shield; Christ beside us on our left and on our right.

Go in peace, love and care for one another in the name of Christ Jesus and may the Lord of the empty tomb, the conquer of gloom come unto you, may he Lord in the garden walking, the Lord to Mary talking, come to you, may the Lord in the upper room, dispelling fear and doom, come to you, may the Lord on the road to Emmaus, the Lord giving hope to Thomas, come to you, and many the Lord appearing on the shore, giving us life forevermore, come to you.

And the blessing of God Almighty. the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Departing Hymn— Thine be the glory Risen conquering Son