

Prayer

Children The story

There is a sheet with this service order, offering an activity for the children to do. It’s not as in depth as last week’s but I hope that if you do a picture, or colour the picture that is there, you might take a picture of it afterwards and upload it onto What’s app, or send it to me in a text.

Joys and concerns

Offertory

Poem

The Cross on the hill

Put on your coats, your gloves and scarves,
And on your feet place sturdy shoes.
Come climb with me up to Green Moor,
Where eyes take in the nightly views.
Stand by the Cross that burns so bright,
Across Our Valley in the Easter chill,
And remember him who gave his life,
On another Cross, On a different Hill.

And as you take each careful step,
Think of HIM upon the road,
That led him up to Calvary,
Battered, bruised and bowed.
Think of THAT Cross over shoulders slung,
His final steps, His Father’s will.
Hands and Feet from nails he hung,
On another Cross, On a different Hill.

And as you stand by the Cross of Light,
That turns Our Valley into day,
Remember what he said to YOU,
“I am the truth, the light, the way”
Enjoy your Easter with those you love,
But for now, just be still,
And think of HIM who was Crucified,
On another Cross, On a different Hill.

Kevin Wild 2020

Bible Reading

Shall we read the Bible reading together?

Matthew 28:1-10 Jesus Has Risen

28 After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

² There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴ The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

⁵ The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.”

⁸ So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

Word

Hymn

Before I take the body of my Lord,
before I share his life in bread and wine,
I recognise the sorry things within:
these I lay down.

The words of hope I often failed to give,
the prayers of kindness buried in my pride,
the signs of care I argued out of sight:
these I lay down.

The narrowness of vision and of mind,
the need for other folk to serve my will,
and every word and silence meant to hurt:
these I lay down.

Of those around in whom I meet my Lord,
I ask their pardon, and I grant them mine,
that every contradiction of Christ’s peace
might be laid down.

Lord Jesus Christ, companion at this feast,
I empty now my heart and stretch my hands,
and ask to meet you here in bread and wine
which you lay down.

John Bell and Graham Maule

Communion

Blessing of the children

We are going to say the blessing of the children together, and if you have a child there with you, please gather the child up for a moment, and we will all join together in saying the blessing, as you hold your own hand on the child’s head.

“The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance on you and give you peace. Amen”

Prayers of confession, forgiveness and commitment

Will you please join with me in the Covenant prayer. At this time when we ourselves, and those we know and love are facing all manner of dangers and difficulties, it is right that we should say afresh this prayer.

I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O Glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

Prayers of thankfulness

Prayers for others

During these prayers for others, when I say “Lord in your mercy” will you please respond **“Hear our prayer.”**

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, in earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that 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.

The Institution

Lord, we remember how you sat with your friends, in an upper room, and they were scared and uncertain of what the future would hold for them. They were unsure who you would be for them. We feel a bit like that now in the eye of this storm that is turning our world upside down. We remember how you took the bread, and when you had given thanks, you broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way, after supper you took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” Even now in our fear and anxiety, we take this bread and wine to be to us your body and blood. We know that whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your

death which gives us life. Even now, in this time and place, as your disciples, sharing our faith, sharing our lives, sharing each other's burdens, we do proclaim your life among us, now and for ever. Amen.

Breaking the bread

Shall we each take up our piece of bread, and say the following words as we break it:

The body of Christ, broken for us. The gift of God, given for us.

Now take up your glass and with me say together:

This is the symbol of Jesus' life poured out for me. We take it in remembrance and we are thankful.

The communion

If there are more than one of you together, then please serve each other the bread and wine.

Please now take a piece of the bread and eat it, saying first: **the body of Christ.**

Please now take your glass, saying first; **may the life of Christ flow through me.**

My sisters and brothers, let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Amen**

Hymn

*Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.*

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation. *Refrain.*

Spread the good news o'er all the earth.
Jesus has died and has risen. *Refrain.*

We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live forever. *Refrain.*

God has proclaimed the just reward:
Life for all men, alleluia! *Refrain.*

Come, let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Saviour. *Refrain.*

Donald Fishel

Benediction

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

Vesper

*Now make a cup of tea or coffee if you can.
While you are drinking it, think of everyone at Christ Church having a coffee or tea at the same time as you, and thinking about you, and sending their love to you.*

If you or a child has done a creation, please share it on WhatsApp, or send it to me in a text.

Now go and live your faith

Christ Church Stocksbridge : Together at Home

Sunday 12th April 2020 : Easter Sunday



Welcome to worship online this Easter Sunday. It will be a bit different from our usual Easter, but it will be our communion of our Lord's disciples in this place, breaking bread and sharing wine together – at home.

So please make sure before we start that you have a glass with some wine or water or juice, and a piece of bread on a table in front of you where you can reach it during the service. With this sheet, that's all you'll need.

Hymn

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
His love in death shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
he comes to claim the here and now,
and conquer every place and time.

Not throned above, remotely high,
untouched, unmoved by human pains
but daily, in the midst of life,
our Saviour, with the Father reigns.

In every insult, rift and war,
where colour, scorn or wealth divide,
he suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, though ever crucified.

Christ is alive! His Spirit burns
through this and every future age,
till all creation lives and learns
his joy, his justice, love and praise

Brian Wren