

hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

<sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

<sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

### **The Purpose of John’s Gospel**

<sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book.

<sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

### **The Word**

#### **Hymn**

For the healing of the nations,  
Lord, we pray with one accord,  
for a just and equal sharing  
of the things that earth affords.  
To a life of love in action  
help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom,  
from despair your world release,  
that, redeemed from war and hatred,  
all may come and go in peace.  
Show us how through care and goodness  
fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living,  
let it from the earth be banned:  
pride of status, race or schooling,  
dogmas that obscure your plan.  
In our common quest for justice  
may we hallow brief life’s span.

You, Creator God, have written  
your great name on humankind;  
for our growing in your likeness  
bring the life of Christ to mind;  
that by our response and service  
earth its destiny may find.

Fred Kaan

### **Prayers**

Lord, your body was broken, and your blood was shed.

**Thank you for the cross.**

You did it so that we might live.

**Thank you for the cross.**

Thank you for all that you have done for us.

**Thank you for the cross.**

Your love has set us free.

**Thank you for the resurrection.**

You were raised to life and ran out of that grave.

**Thank you for the resurrection.**

Thank you that we have eternal life in you.

**Thank you for your cross and resurrection.**

Heavenly Father, we pray for all the places in the world that need your peace: places where plagues continue to threaten the stability of the nations; and the lack of peace has caused so much destruction; places where people have to flee their homes, their families destroyed, lives lost.

**Lord, bring your peace which passes all understanding.**

Give wisdom to world leaders: to presidents, prime ministers, politicians of all governments, that they may strive for lasting peace, true justice and fair shares for all men, women and children, not putting personal ambitions before the needs of their people.

**Lord, bring your peace which passes all understanding.**

We pray for those who need peace of mind: those who are at work to save and heal, those weighed down by the stresses and strains of every-day life, or who suffer with anxiety, or are oppressed by worry and fear; for those who find it hard to let go of things and simply trust.

**Lord, bring your peace which passes all understanding. Amen.**

### **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 12<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

### Call to worship

### Introit

### Welcome

### Hymn

*All glory, laud, and honour,  
to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.*

Thou art the King of Israel,  
thou David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's name comest,  
the King and Blessed One.

The company of angels  
are praising thee on high,  
and we with all creation  
in chorus make reply.

The people of the Hebrews  
with psalms before thee went;  
our prayer and praise and anthems  
before thee we present.

To thee, before thy passion,  
they sang their hymns of praise;  
to thee, now high exalted,  
our melody we raise.

Thou didst accept their praises;  
accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest,  
thou good and gracious King.

St Theodolph

### Children

The story of Thomas

Activity sheet

### Joys and Concerns

### Offertory

**Reading** John 20:19-31

*Shall we read this together?*

### Jesus Appears to His Disciples

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

### Jesus Appears to Thomas

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my