

Order of Service Sunday 26th April

Leader: Christ is Risen

Response: **He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

Opening Prayer

Hymn: O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cc0QVWzCv9k>

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder

Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art*

And when I think of God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And lead me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow with humble adoration
And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
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Prayers of Adoration, Confession and Thanksgiving

Responsive Psalm 116: 1-4, 8-19

¹ I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.

² **Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.**

³ The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came over me;
I was overcome by distress and sorrow.

⁴ **Then I called on the name of the LORD: 'LORD, save me!'**

⁸ For you, LORD, have delivered me from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling,
⁹ **that I may walk before the LORD in the land of the living.**

¹⁰ I trusted in the LORD when I said, 'I am greatly afflicted';

¹¹ in my alarm I said, 'Everyone is a liar.'

¹² What shall I return to the LORD for all his goodness to me?

¹³ **I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.**

¹⁴ **I will fulfil my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.**

¹⁵ Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful servants.

¹⁶ **Truly I am your servant, LORD; I serve you just as my mother did;
you have freed me from my chains.**

¹⁷ I will sacrifice a thank-offering to you and call on the name of the LORD.

¹⁸ **I will fulfil my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,**

¹⁹ **in the courts of the house of the LORD – in your midst, Jerusalem.**

Praise the LORD.

Song: Lord I lift your name on high

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zVqWEtfpTgo>

Lord I lift your name on high

Lord I love to sing your praises

I'm so glad you are in my life

I'm so glad you came to save us

You came from heaven to earth, to show the way

From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay

From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky

Lord I lift your name on high

Epistle Reading: 1 Peter 1: 17-23

¹⁷ Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. ¹⁸ For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. ²⁰ He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. ²¹ Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

²² Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. ²³ For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 24: 13-35

On the road to Emmaus

¹³ Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles^[a] from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶ but they were kept from recognising him.

¹⁷ He asked them, 'What are you discussing together as you walk along?'

They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸ One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, 'Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?'

¹⁹ 'What things?' he asked.

'About Jesus of Nazareth,' they replied. 'He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. ²⁰ The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹ but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. ²² In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³ but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴ Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.'

²⁵ He said to them, 'How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?' ²⁷ And

beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

²⁸ As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going further. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, 'Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them.

³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognised him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³² They asked each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?'

³³ They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴ and saying, 'It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' ³⁵ Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognised by them when he broke the bread.

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dmmTWQn95xQ>

Address

Song: All I once held dear

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oxpPla-BskY>

All I once held dear, built my life upon

All this world reveres, and wars to own
All I once thought gain I have counted loss
Spent and worthless now, compared to this

*Knowing you, Jesus
Knowing you, there is no greater thing
You're my all, you're the best
You're my joy, my righteousness
And I love you, Lord*

Now my heart's desire is to know you more
To be found in you and known as yours
To possess by faith what I could not earn
All-surpassing gift of righteousness

*Knowing you, Jesus
Knowing you, there is no greater thing
You're my all, you're the best*

*You're my joy, my righteousness
And I love you, Lord*

Oh, to know the power of your risen life
And to know You in Your sufferings
To become like you in your death, my Lord
So with you to live and never die

*Knowing you, Jesus
Knowing you, there is no greater thing
You're my all, you're the best
You're my joy, my righteousness
And I love you, Lord*

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: What a friend we have in Jesus

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8SCorW9r_Is

What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
Oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful,
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Saviour, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.

Final Prayer and Blessing

Lord Jesus,
as you walked on the road to Emmaus,
walk with us on the roads we travel.
Help us to know your presence with us,
and to be your presence to others.
And, at the end of the day,
may we all enjoy your feast.
Amen.