

Sunday 7th April 2024: Holy Communion Service
Second Sunday of Easter

Welcome

1, 2, 3, Jesus is Alive! “Low Sunday”

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Opening Song

PRAISE IS RISING, eyes are turning to You,

We turn to You.

Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You,

We long for You.

‘Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day;

In Your presence all our fears are washed away,

Washed away.

Hosanna, hosanna,

You are the God who saves us,

Worthy of all our praises.

Hosanna, hosanna,

Come, have Your way among us;

We welcome You here, Lord Jesus.

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You,

We turn to You.

In Your kingdom broken lives are made new,

You make all things new.

New Testament Reading

1 John 1:1-2:2

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

We say sorry to God and one another

Merciful God, our Father of grace, we confess we have sinned, we have walked our own way.

Lord, change us and lead us on.

Our love has not stayed true, our hearts have wandered off. Lord, in your mercy, forgive us we pray.

Lord, change us and lead us on.

That we may do justly, forever love mercy and together walk humbly with you.

Lord, change us and lead us on.

Prayer of forgiveness

God, we receive your forgiveness, the restoration of our souls, the renewal of our hearts, the washing of our hands.

That we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

Songs

MY JESUS, MY SAVIOUR,

Lord, there is none like You.

All of my days I want to praise

The wonders of Your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter,

Tower of refuge and strength,

Let every breath, all that I am,

Never cease to worship You.

Shout to the Lord all the earth, let us sing

Power and majesty, praise to the King.

Mountains bow down

And the seas will roar

At the sound of Your name.

I sing for joy at the work of Your hands.

Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand.

Nothing compares to the
Promise I have in You.

WHO BREAKS THE POWER of sin and darkness?
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of glory, The King above all kings

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder?
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of glory, the King above all kings

This is amazing grace

This is unfailing love

That You would take my place

That You would bear my cross

You laid down Your life

That I would be set free

Oh Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me

Who brings our chaos back into order?
Who makes the orphans a son and daughter?
The King of glory, the King above all kings

Who rules the nations with truth and justice?
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The King of glory, the King above all kings

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
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Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy, worthy, worthy

Prayers of intercession

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The church's prayer for today

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the 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.

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John; **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 20:19-end

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

Sermon

Song

WORTHY OF EVERY SONG we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You, oh, we live for You

Jesus, the name above every other name
Jesus, the only one who could ever save
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You, we live for You

*Holy, there is no one like You, there is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder and
Show me who You are and fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me*

Jesus, the name above every other name
Jesus, the only One who could ever save
You're worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You, oh, we live for You

I will build my life
And I will build my life upon Your love, it is a firm foundation
And I will put my trust in You alone, and I will not be shaken
And I will build my life upon Your love, it is a firm foundation
And I will put my trust in You alone, and I will not be shaken

Declaration of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'

The peace of the Lord be always with you; **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Communion

The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Father, you made the world and love your creation. You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour. His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death. And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you, and saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest...

...Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory:

Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again...

...Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, forever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ; **Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

We share bread and wine together

Prayer after communion

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Notices

Song

BLESS THE LORD, O my soul, O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before, O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Chorus

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Chorus

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Chorus

The Blessing

From where we are to where you need us,
Jesus, now lead on.

From the familiarity of what we know to the wonder of what you
will reveal,
Jesus, now lead on.

To transform the fabric of this world until it resembles the shape of
your kingdom,
Jesus, now lead on.

Because good things have been prepared for those who love God,
Jesus, now lead on.

And the blessing of God, Creator, Saviour and Giver of life, be with
us all, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia. **Thanks be to God.**
Alleluia, alleluia.