



A Liturgy of the Word Second Sunday of Easter

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The full service or the sermon can be viewed on the website.

Processional Hymn

**1 O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!**

**2 My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread thro' all the earth abroad
the honours of your name.**

**3 Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease,
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.**

**4 He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean;
his blood availed for me.**

**5 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heaven.**

Author: Charles Wesley (1739)



Call to Worship

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Introductory Rite

Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us
together to praise you for your goodness and to ask
your blessing. Give us grace to see your hand in the
week that is past, and your purpose in the week to come;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



The Gloria

REFRAIN

Glory to God, Glory to God
Glory to God in the highest!,
and on earth, peace on earth,
peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,
We adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father. (REFRAIN)

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand,
the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us. (REFRAIN)

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. (REFRAIN)
Amen.

The Kyrie

sung by Ven Moses Thabethe

Kyrie eleison x2
Christe eleison x2
Kyrie eleison x2

The Penitence

Dear friends in Christ,
as we turn our hearts and minds to worship almighty God,
let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with our neighbour.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,





have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.

Absolution

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent;
have mercy on you, pardon your sins and set you free
from them, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in eternal life.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord is our light and our life.
O come, let us worship.

The Collect

**God of mission,
you raised Jesus Christ as the firstborn of the dead:
by your Holy Spirit, empower us to witness to him
so that those who have not yet seen
may come to believe in him who was and is and is to come;
and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen**

The Word of God

Acts 5: 27-32

Psalm 118: 14-29

Revelation 1: 4-8

Gospel Acclamation

Allelu---ia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Allelu—ia, Alleluia

Let your hearts rejoice in the Lord
Let your word proclaim his deeds
Let your voice sing out to the world
That our God has come to save

Allelu---ia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Allelu—ia, Alleluia

Gospel Reading

John 20: 19-31





The Sermon

Sermon: Revd Matthew Wright

Affirmation of Faith

Let us confess our faith as we say,

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
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 of Intercession

In the knowledge of God's love and willingness to hear our prayers, we pray to you, Lord God.

We pray for the universal Church that all parishes, dioceses and communities in the entire Christian Church be united in prayer and with concern for the needy, the displaced and those without a place to call home. May we, together with our church leaders demonstrate your compassionate love and care in word and deed as did the first Christian community in Jerusalem.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

May all Christians affirm their belief in the risen Jesus as their Lord and God, and have a respectful love for each other and for people of other faiths.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

May the people of Ukraine, filled with fear, find peace and courage through their faith in the risen Jesus and be reassured by his words: *Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One.*

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the Eastern Catholics and Orthodox Christians celebrating the Sunday of Resurrection today, hear and follow the words of Jesus, Receive the Holy Spirit. As the Father sent me, so I am sending you.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.



Compassionate God, our rock and redeemer, you are our comfort and strength in times of sudden disaster. Surround the people of KwaZulu-Natal now with your grace and peace in their distress over the devastating floods. By your Spirit, lift up those who have fallen, sustain those who work to rescue or rebuild, and fill them with the hope of your new creation.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Almighty God, we pray for all who are sick and for all who are in hospital that they may be aware that the Lord is with them in their troubles.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Loving God, surround all who mourn this day with your continuing compassion. Do not let grief overwhelm those who are bereaved, or turn them against you. When grief seems never-ending, take them one step at a time along the journey of death and resurrection.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Gracious God,
you have heard the prayers of your faithful people;
you know our needs before we ask,
and our ignorance in asking.
Grant our requests as may be best for us.
This we ask in the name of your Son
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for Offering

God of beauty and bounty: we offer these gifts as tokens of our dedication and gratitude to you, God and Father of all. Where they are able, may they enrich the lives of those in need and may they empower the work of ministry for your kingdom. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

*Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us:*

**Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil
For thine is the Kingdom
And all the power and the glory, forever. Amen**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious Lord, we give you thanks for this sacred time and space. Although we are apart, we are grateful for the opportunity to be joined with our brothers and sisters in worship. Above all, we give thanks



for the opportunity to spend time in your presence. As we draw the week to a close and begin a new one, may your abiding peace remain in us throughout the coming week, and may we be guided by your will and your wisdom. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Final Blessing

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Wherever you may find yourselves in this coming week
may you walk the Way of Christ,
sharing the Messiah's good news.

In whatever way you choose to give witness to Christ's resurrection during this Easter season, may you be prepared to spread the message of salvation abroad, and to be Christ's witness. May you be known and identified as Christ's followers in the way you serve, and in the way you love.

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

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia
In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, Alleluia

Recessional Hymn

**1 And can it be that I should gain
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me?**

Refrain:

**Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me!**

**2 'Tis mystery all! Th'Immortal dies!
Who can explore His strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries
To sound the depths of love divine!
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore,
Let angel minds inquire no more. [Refrain]**





3 He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace;
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race;
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me. [Refrain]

4 Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray,
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth and followed Thee. [Refrain]

5 No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own. [Refrain]

Author: Charles Wesley and published in 1738.



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