

Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow
Because He lives, all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future
And life is worth a living just because He lives

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on John 20:19 – 20)

L When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week
...Jesus came and stood among the disciples and said, "Peace
be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and
his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

R Alleluia! Christ is risen!

L The whole creation rejoices.

R Alleluia! Christ is in our midst!

L Words cannot express our overflowing hearts.

R Alleluia! Christ is our light forever!

ALL Surrounding us with grace and hope

L Let our rejoicing be heard far and wide as we witness to our
belief in the risen Lord.

HYMN: # 113 VIP Rejoice and be glad

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

We worship you, O God, aware that we are a group of people at
differing stages in our journeys of faith. Our knowledge of you has
been shaped by diverse experiences, teachings and relationships
throughout our lives. At times, we move between faith and doubt,
certainty and unbelief. So today, we rejoice in the word of the gospel
where John declares that he has written his gospel to confirm and
strengthen our belief that Jesus is the Christ the Son of God, and that
in believing, we might have life in his name. We worship you, O God,
with praise and thanksgiving for that gift of life made possible through

Jesus' costly death and victorious resurrection. Strengthen and
confirm our belief in Jesus in this time of worship here today. May we
know the blessings of his peace within us and the breath of his Spirit
upon us. We offer this prayer and our worship in Jesus' name

and for his sake. Amen

Prayer of Confession - Rev'd Audrey Knott

L Let us confess our sins to the One who offers us peace and
healing, as we pray together, saying:

ALL Almighty God, we confess that we do not always live as
resurrected people. We live within the fears and cares of this
world, that we don't have enough, that we are not good
enough. Forgive us for not seeing Your image in us. Forgive
us for not seeking Your life in us. we confess that there are
times when we feel afraid, abandoned, and lonely; when our
lives seem deprived of God's presence; desolate times when
faith leads to doubt and questions, rather than a sense of joy
or peace of mind.

Lord Jesus Christ, unlike those first disciples, we cannot
touch you or see you, and so it is all too easy to become
downcast and given to despair.

Forgive us when, like the disciples, we find the truth of Easter
hard to believe.
Come to us, risen Christ. Come through the closed doors of
our hearts and minds and take away our fears and doubts.
Help us to see we are made in Your love, Your image, Your
peace. In the name of the risen Christ, who offers us peace,
we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE PARDON:

L It is God's great mercy through the resurrection of Jesus which
gives us that hope which lives within us.

R Thanks be to God for this precious gift by which we are able
to believe and rejoice in our inheritance. Amen! Thanks be to
God!

PRAISE IN WORSHIP - Sisters Nicole Cobrand and Cassie-Ann King

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Collect: 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.

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 16 [VIP 575] - Rev'd Audrey Knott

L ¹Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

R ²I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from
you."

L ³As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my
delight.

R ⁴Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their
drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names
upon my lips.

L ⁵The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

R ⁶The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have
a goodly heritage.

L ⁷I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart
instructs me.

R ⁸I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right
hand, I shall not be moved.

L ⁹Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests
secure.

R ¹⁰For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see
the Pit.

L ¹¹You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of
joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

ALL Glory be to the Father . . .

EPISTLE: 1 Peter 1: 3-9 - Sis Cassie-Ann King

Hymn: 23 VIP How great thou art

GOSPEL: John 20: 19-31 - Sis Novlette Gray

Ministry in Song: - Sis Cassie- Ann King and Company

SERMON - Rev'd Dr. Wayneford McFarlane

Hymn: #118 VIP God sent His son

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: He was conceived by the power 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 arose 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 THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

L The Lord be with you
- Rev'd Audrey Knott

R And also with you

L Let Us Pray.
O God, we believe that Jesus is Risen - and we give you thanks for his resurrection. But Lord, we need more than our faith in him and in the eternal life that he promises to all who believe. We need his power, his Spirit - to come and enliven us in the midst of a world that is hostile to you and hostile to the peace you would give to us and through us. Lord, walk through the doors that we hide behind out of fear. Open our eyes and let us see, open our ears and let us hear, and open our hearts that we may receive your Spirit.... Risen Christ . . .

R Comfort and redeem your people

L We thank you, O God, that you can break down all barriers and enter into every heart - that you speak peace into our fear, faith into our doubt, and hope into our despair. We pray now for those around us - for our friends and relatives, for our family members, for the countless thousands - and indeed millions across the world - who do not believe or who do not have the hope that we have... Risen Christ . . .

R Comfort and redeem your people.

L We pray, O God for the nations of this world today and their leaders. We especially hold before you our country Jamaica We pray too for the peace of all the peoples who live there, and for all countries in conflict - both within and without. Most loving God, we bring to you our concern and compassion for those whose lives are

subject to acute sorrow, evil or disease. For those who over this time face an untimely, sudden death, we pray: Victims of covid 19, war, terrorism, murder, and the carnage on our roads. Risen Christ . . .

R Comfort and redeem your people.

L We pray today, O Lord, for those who have no one to pray for them this day. You know them - and we offer them up to you so that their lives may be touched by you. We specially pray for the homeless, the hungry, the quarantined, the oppressed and the ignored.... Risen Christ. . .

R Comfort and redeem your people.

L Gracious God, touch your church everywhere in the world today and grant that we may who you want us to be - and that signs and wonders that point to you may be known through us. We ask in the name of Christ Jesus, he who live and reigns with you and Holy Spirit, one God, both now and forevermore. Amen.
And in the word's Jesus taught us, let us pray the Lord's Prayer:

ALL: Our Father who art in heaven. . .

Closing Hymn 22a Great is thy faithfulness

COMMISSION & BLESSING

Go in peace and the blessing of the Ever-Present God be upon you, - the power of the Risen Christ be within you, - and the wisdom and gentleness of the Holy Spirit surround and uplift you both now and forevermore. Amen



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