

St Matthias Church

MORNING WORSHIP – 26th April 2020 via YouTube

Welcome in the name of Christ.
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you
and also with you.

We gather as the disciples did, on the day that Jesus rose.
Come, risen Lord, and stand among us.

We open the doors of our hearts to you
Come, risen Lord, and stand among us.

Grant us your peace and breathe your Holy Spirit upon us
Come, risen Lord, and stand among us.

EASTER ANTHEMS

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us: ◆
so let us celebrate the feast,
not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness: ◆
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

1 Corinthians 5.7b, 8

Christ once raised from the dead dies no more: ◆
death has no more dominion over him.
In dying he died to sin once for all: ◆
in living he lives to God.
See yourselves therefore as dead to sin: ◆
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 6.9-11

Christ has been raised from the dead: ◆
the first fruits of those who sleep.
For as by man came death: ◆
by man has come also the resurrection of the dead;
for as in Adam all die: ◆
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

1 Corinthians 15.20-22

CONFESSION

In baptism we died with Christ,
so that as Christ was raised from the dead,
we might walk in newness of life.
Let us receive new life in him
as we confess our sins in penitence and faith.

cf Romans 6.4

Like Mary at the empty tomb,
we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Like the disciples behind locked doors,
we are afraid to be seen as your followers.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Like Thomas in the upper room,
we are slow to believe.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

May the God of love bring us back to himself,
forgive us our sins, and assure us of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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READING

Luke 24: 13-32 – The Road to Emmaus

TALK

CREED

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

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

Collect

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy
gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

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ENDING

God the Father,
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.

God the Son,
who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory,
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

God the Holy Spirit,
who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord,
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

And the blessing ...

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