Easter 2 Family Service

Welcome:

The Lord says ‘You will see me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.’ Jer. 29:13

We meet in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

**Amen**.

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

**and also with you.**

This is the day that the Lord has made

**let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Alleluia, Christ is risen

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Opening hymn: O Lord my God

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder

Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,

I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,

Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee*

*How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

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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;

*Chorus*

And when I think that 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:

*Chorus*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation

And take me home – what joy shall fill my heart!

Then shall I bow in humble adoration,

And there proclaim, my God how great Thou art!

*Chorus*

Confession:

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.

As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith

We renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

Almighty God,

Long suffering and of great goodness

I confess to you, I confess with my whole heart

My neglect and forgetfulness of your commandments

My wrong doing, thinking and speaking:

The hurts I have done to others and the good I have left undone

O God, forgive me, for I have sinned against you;

And raise me to new life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God,

Your Son has opened for us

A new and living way into your presence

Give us new hearts and steadfast wills

To walk in your ways and delight in your truth

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Breakfast Surprise:

Chorus: Our God is a great big God

Our God is a great big God

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Our God is a great big God

And He holds us in His hands

*(repeat)*

He’s higher than a skyscraper

He’s deeper than a submarine

He’s wider than the universe

And beyond my wildest dreams

And He’s known me and He’s loved me

Since before the world began

How wonderful to be a part of God’s amazing plan.

Reading: John 20:19-31

Address:

Prayers:

God of love and hope,  
you made the world and care for all creation,  
but the world feels strange right now.  
The news is full of stories about Coronavirus.  
Some people are worried that they might get ill.  
Others are anxious for their family and friends.  
Be with them and help them to find peace.  
We pray for the protection of our doctors and nurses,

Care workers and care homes.

We pray for all who are working to discover the right medicines  
to help those who are ill.  
Help us to put our trust in you and keep us safe. **Amen.**

Let us pray to the Lord,  
who is our refuge and stronghold.

For the isolated and housebound,  
that we may be alert to their needs,  
and care for them in their vulnerability:  
Lord, hear us,  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For our homes and families,  
our schools and young people,  
and all in any kind of need or distress:  
Lord, hear us,  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For a blessing on our local community,  
that our neighbourhoods may be places of trust and friendship,  
where all are known and cared for:  
Lord, hear us,  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those who are ill and those who are grieving  
that you might surround them with your love   
and grant them your peace and assurance  
Lord, hear us,  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your disciples,  
‘I am with you always’.  
Be with us today, as we offer ourselves to you.  
Hear our prayers for others and for ourselves,  
and keep us all in your care. **Amen.**

**Our Father, who 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 trespasses**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us**

**And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil**

**For thine is the kingdom the power and the glory**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

Closing Thoughts:

Closing Hymn: Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine

O what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God;

Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

*This is my story, this is my song,*

*Praising my Saviour, all the day long;*

*This is my story, this is my song,*

*Praising my Saviour, all the day long;*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,

Visions of rapture burst on my sight;

Angels descending, bring from above

Echoes of mercy, whispers of love

*Chorus*

Perfect submission, all is at rest.

I in my Saviour am happy and blest;

Watching and waiting, looking above,

Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

*Chorus*

Blessing:

May God keep you in all your days.

May Christ shield you in all your ways.

May the Holy Spirit bring you healing and peace;

and may the blessing of God Almighty,

the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,

be with you and remain with you,

this day and for ever more. **Amen.**