

ORDER OF SERVICE – 18th APRIL 2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Hymn 352

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise, (2x)
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace! (4x)
2. Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease; (2x)
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace. (4x)
3. See all your sins on Jesus laid:
The Lamb of God was slain, (2x)
His soul was once an offering made
For every soul of man. (4x)
4. He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
he sets the prisoner free; (2x)
his blood can make the foulest clean,
his blood availed for me. (4x)
5. He speaks, and, listening to His voice,
new life the dead receive, (2x)
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe. (4x)
6. Hear Him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
your loosened tongues employ; (2x)
ye blind, behold your Saviour come;
and leap, ye lame, for joy! (4x)
7. My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim, (2x)
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of thy name. (4x)

PRAYER

HYMN 186 (Played twice)

1. Father God, I wonder
how I managed to exist
without the knowledge of
your parenthood and your loving care.
But now I am your son,
I am adopted in your family,
and I can never be alone
'cause Father God, you're there beside me.
I will sing your praises,
I will sing your praises,
I will sing your praises for evermore.
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I will sing your praises for evermore.

¹² When Peter saw this, he said to them:
"Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise
you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own
power or godliness we had made this man
walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, Isaac and
Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified
his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be
killed, and you disowned him before
Pilate, though he had decided to let him
go. ¹⁴ You disowned the Holy and Righteous
One and asked that a murderer be released
to you. ¹⁵ You killed the author of life, but
God raised him from the dead. We are
witnesses of this. ¹⁶ By faith in the name of
Jesus, this man whom you see and know was
made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith
that comes through him that has completely
healed him, as you can all see.
¹⁷ "Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you
acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. ¹⁸ But
this is how God fulfilled what he had
foretold through all the prophets, saying that
his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹ Repent, then,
and turn to God, so that your sins may be
wiped out, that times of refreshing may come
from the Lord.

Hymn 549

1. How deep the Father's love for us,
how vast beyond all measure,
that he should give his only Son
to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss;
the Father turns his face away,
as wounds which mar the chosen One
bring many sons to glory.
2. Behold the man upon a cross,
my sin upon his shoulders;
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there,
until it was accomplished;
his dying breath has brought me life ---
I know that it is finished.
3. I will not boast in anything,
no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
but I will boast in Jesus Christ,
his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward?
I cannot give an answer;
but this I know with all my heart,
his wounds have paid my ransom.

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SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 24:26b-48

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

³⁶ While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷ They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

⁴⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹ And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate it in their presence.

⁴⁴ He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

HYMN 619 & 620

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Break me, melt me, mould me, fill me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, move among us all;
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in
love, humble, caring, selfless, sharing.
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love.

REFLECTION

HYMN 718

1. We cannot measure how you heal
or answer every sufferer's prayer,
yet we believe your grace responds
where faith and doubt unite to care.

Your hands, though bloodied on the cross,
survive to hold and heal and warn,
to carry all through death to life
and cradle children yet unborn.

2. The pain that will not go away,
the guilt that clings from things long past,
the fear of what the future holds,
are present as if meant to last.
But present too is love which tends
the hurt we never hoped to find,
the private agonies inside,
the memories that haunt the mind.
3. So some have come who need your help
and some have come to make amends,
as hands which shaped and saved the world
are present in the touch of friends.
Lord, let your Spirit meet us here
to mend the body, mind and soul,
to disentangle peace from pain,
and make your broken people whole.

PRAYER

HYMN 512

- 1 To God be the glory, great things he has
done!
So loved he the world that he gave us
his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for
sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go
in.
*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus
the Son, and give him the glory!
Great things he has done!*
- 2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of
blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
for every offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon
receives.
- 3 Great things he has taught us, great
things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus
the Son:
but purer, and higher, and greater will
be
our joy and our wonder, when Jesus we
see. [Refrain]

BENEDICTION