



**WORSHIP at HOME**  
**Easter 7 May 24th, 2020**

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For the sermon this week, you may wish to listen to the reflection made by Rev'd Elizabeth Richardson. We also have hymns by Brendon Lukin and the always entertaining children's talk by Jules Wright. They all appear as separate files.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

**Hymn 209 (Verses 1, 3 and 5 only)**

[Audio link here](#) - for the Easter Season, as we gather

1. And can it be that I should gain  
an interest in the Saviour'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, shouldst die for  
me!

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*.

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 the eternal throne,  
and claim the crown, through  
Christ, my own.

## **A Prayer of Adoration**

Eternal God, Wonderful Creator, Friend of the Earth, in your grace you have shown your healing love to all peoples. We rejoice that your Son ascended in triumph to rule in love and glory over the whole universe. We give thanks that you do not leave us desolate and praise you for the gift of the Holy Spirit to guide us to be loving and obedient disciples of your Son; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

## **A Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, you command us to love one another across all our differences, yet we often respond fearfully and with judgment. Forgive our sins and bring us to a true repentance leading on to life for all creation. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

**Children's Talk** [Video link here](#)

## **Bible Readings**

This week our Preacher is the Rev'd Elizabeth Richardson, one of our Ministers-in-Association. In her sermon this week, Elizabeth will focus on the readings from John 17:1-11 and Acts 1: 6-14. You are also invited to read from Psalm 68: 1-10 and 32-35, 1 Peter 4: 12-14 and 5: 6-11.

**Sermon** [Audio link here](#)

## **Hymn 419**

[Audio link here](#) - reflecting the promise of the gift of the Holy Spirit in the Reading from Acts

1. Like the murmur of the dove's song,  
like the challenge of her flight,  
like the vigour of the wind's rush,  
like the new flame's eager might:  
come, Holy Spirit, come.
2. To the members of Christ's body,  
to the branches of the Vine,  
to the church in faith assembled,  
to its midst as gift and sign:  
come, Holy Spirit, come.
3. With the healing of division,  
with the ceaseless voice of prayer,  
with the power to love and witness,  
with the peace beyond compare:  
come, Holy Spirit, come.

## **Prayers for the Church and the World**

Let us be united in prayer:

For the Universal Church, as we in the Southern Hemisphere today begin an ecumenical Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, that Almighty God might grant to the whole Christian people unity, peace and concord, so that the Church may be renewed in strength and purpose, and faithful in its calling to witness to our risen Lord in the world.

For Sarah, Elizabeth and Bruce as they minister to us, that Almighty God might grant them, through the power of the Holy Spirit, strength and insight to lead us in meeting

the challenges and opportunities we face as a Parish.

For the Joint Nominating Committee. that Almighty God might guide with wisdom the minds of those working towards a call being made to a faithful pastor to join the Ministry team of this Parish.

**A Prayer from the General Secretary of the World Council of Churches**

God of life, you have promised to be with us every day, also in difficult days, like in times like these.

Give us clarity in our minds, strength in our work and discernment, rest as we sleep, peace in our minds.

Be with those who need help more than we do ourselves help us to see what we can offer from your love. Amen.

**Hymn 392**

[Audio link here](#) to send us out

1. At the dawning of salvation,  
in the morning of the world,  
Christ is raised, a living banner  
by the love of God unfurled.  
Through the daylight, through the  
darkness,  
Christ leads on his great array:  
all the saints and all the sinners  
he has gathered on his way.

2. He is risen in the morning,  
he is risen from the dead;  
he is laughter after sadness,  
he is light when night has fled.  
He has suffered, he has  
triumphed,  
life is his alone to give:  
as he gave it once he gives it  
evermore, that we may live.

3. For the glory of salvation  
in the dawn of Easter day  
we will praise you, loving Father,  
we rejoice to sing and pray  
with the Son and with the Spirit.  
Lead us on, your great array,  
saints and sinners celebrating  
your triumphant love today.

**Blessing**

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all for evermore. Alleluia! Amen!

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