

Morning Worship

26th April 2020

The Preparation

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. 1 Cor 15:20

Great is the Lord and worthy of all praise.

**Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom,
thanksgiving and honour, power and might,
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.**

Hymn "O God our Help in ages past."

Birthdays

8am: Pauline Coates Jane Hanna, Wendy McInnes,
10am: Dylan Wong, Eleanor Battley, Gill Cranch,
Roger Street, Mel Crosbie.
Thursday: Effie Rowlands, Pat Franks

Birthday song

**Birthday greetings today.
May God bless you we pray.
Live for Jesus dear friends
May he guide you each day.**

Queen's 94th Birthday

Heavenly Father,
as we celebrate the 94th birthday
of Her Majesty the Queen,
receive our heartfelt thanks
for all that you have given her in these years and for
all that she has given to her people.
Continue, we pray, your loving purposes in her,
and as you gather us together,
unite us also in love and service to one another;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

ANZAC Memorial

Yesterday was ANZAC day. Not only do we
remember those who gave their lives in war, but in

this present crisis, it behoves us to remember the
suffering which our forebears endured even as the
Armistice was announced and Spanish flu ravaged
our country. In the Great War, NZ lost 18,000
soldiers. In the following 2 months (Nov-Dec 1918,
8600 people mainly young to middle-aged adults
died in NZ of the Spanish Flu. It must have been a
devastating blow to an already grieving nation.

In memory of those who fell at Gallipoli and in all
our conflicts, Don will sing "Sons of Gallipoli".

Video – Sons of Gallipoli by Fr Chris Skinner

Confession

Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give
to you ... Do not let your hearts be troubled and do
not be afraid."

He also said, "Love your enemies and pray for those
who persecute you."

As we realise our failure to live up to Christ's
standards, let us come in penitence to seek God's
forgiveness.

**Almighty and merciful God,
we confess our lack of love for you and for our
fellow men and that we have grieved your Spirit.**

**For the sake of your Son, who died for us, save us
from our sins, take from us all hatred and
bitterness, whether in thought, word or action.**

**Teach us to forgive, as we are forgiven,
so that we may grow more like him
and live our lives according to your will.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God, who has promised to forgive all who
repent of their sins and believe in His son, Jesus
Christ, grant us pardon for our sins, peace in our
hearts, strength in his service, and everlasting life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Ministry of the Word

O come, let us sing to the Lord,
let us rejoice in the rock of our salvation.
We sing to you, O God, and bless your name;
and tell of your salvation from day to day.
We proclaim your glory to the nations,
your praise to the ends of the earth.

The Readings from the New Testament

Acts 2:14a, 36-4; 1 Peter 1:17-23

Song: "Forever God is Faithful"

The Reading from the Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

The Sermon

The Lord be with you.

The Lord bless you.

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we pray

**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.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are
yours now and for ever. Amen.**

Unite714 Litany

Heavenly Father, we humbly come before You and
ask You to sustain us by Your mercy, Your grace,
and Your power. We continue to trust in Your
gracious promise that "no weapon that is fashioned
against" us, our families, or our churches "shall
succeed."

We take refuge under Your protective wings. Your faithfulness is our shield. By Your great strength, protect our hearts and minds from the grip of terror. Empower us, oh God, so that fear will not paralyze us or define our lives.

Great multitudes are affected by this appalling pandemic: we lift them up before You in prayer. Heal those battling this disease and comfort those who have lost loved ones. We know You alone are our Healer.

As 2 Chronicles 7:14 urges us, we identify with the sins of our nation and ask for Your forgiveness. Have mercy on us. Spare us from this pestilence. Cleanse us from our sins. Heal our lands.

With one heart and one voice, we stand together in unity, asking You, Almighty God, to protect our cities, our nations, and the world from COVID-19. **We pray this in the powerful name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Make your ways known upon earth, O God,
your saving power among all peoples.
Renew your Church in holiness,
and help us to serve you with joy.
Guide the leaders of this and every nation,
that justice may prevail throughout the world.
Let not the needy, O God, be forgotten,
nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
Make us instruments of your peace,
and let your glory be over all the earth.

Collect for Times of Trouble

God of the present moment,
God who in Jesus stills the storm
and soothes the frantic heart;
bring hope and courage to us all
as we wait in uncertainty.
Bring hope that you will make us more than
conquerors through whatever lies ahead, for your

will is health and wholeness;
you are God, and we need you. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

**Jesus, we believe you;
all we heard is true.
You break the bread, we recognise you,
you are the fire that burns within us;
use us to light the world.
Hear this prayer for your love's sake.
Amen.**

Morning Collect

Holy and ever living God,
by your power we are created
and by your love we are redeemed;
guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,
that we may give ourselves to your service,
and live each day in love to one another
and to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

**In darkness and in light,
in trouble and in joy,
help us, heavenly Father,
to trust your love,
to serve your purpose,
and to praise your name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Gifts of the People are acknowledged.

Almighty God;
you give seed for us to sow,
and bread for us to eat;
make us thankful for what we have received;
make us rich to do those generous things
which supply your people's needs;
so all the world may give you thanks and glory.
Amen.

The Dismissal

The peace of God which passes all understanding
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and
love of God and of his Son, our Saviour, Jesus
Christ our Lord, and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you
now and remain with you. **Amen.**

Go now to love and serve the Lord.
Go in peace.

National Anthem