

St. Sampson and St. Mary's Churches Guernsey



Easter Season Worship 2020

Introduction

Lord Jesus, the dawn has broken and we have gathered to worship you.

You called your disciples to you and showed them your power. You have entered our lives and cast away the gloom and darkness of night.

May we discover your presence among us, finding you in our fellowship and through your word, that our hearts may be lifted up to worship you with all the heavenly hosts, for you reign in heaven and earth as our Lord and King.

All Amen.

A prayer of thanksgiving

Lord, your body was broken, and your blood was shed.

All Thank you for the cross.

You did it so that we might live.

All Thank you for the cross.

Thank you for all that you have done for us.

All Thank you for the cross.

Your love has set us free.

All Thank you for the resurrection.

You were raised to life and came out of that grave.

All Thank you for the resurrection.

Thank you that we have eternal life in you.

**All Thank you for your cross and resurrection.
Amen.**

Prayer of Confession

Prince of peace, we are sorry

that we choose not to forgive but to hold grudges;

that we doubt you and do not trust;

that we choose to rely on our own resources and not on you;

that we believe only when we have proof.

Help us to forgive more readily, and to trust more willingly. **Amen.**

Collect

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen.

First Reading

Introduction
Acts 7.55-60 read by Peter

At the end: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Introduction
1 Peter 2.2-10 read by John

At the end: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

John 14.1-14 read by Natalie

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Address

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

All We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen

Hymn

**In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The love of God was magnified -
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine -
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand:
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.**

Prayers of Intercession

Led by Mark

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy

All hear our prayer

and at the end

**All Merciful Father, accept these prayers, for the sake
of your son, our saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**All 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.**

The Peace

The peace of the risen Lord,
the peace of Christ the King,
the peace of the Conqueror of death,
the peace of the Lord be always with you.

All and also with you.

Blessing and ending

The power and peace of the risen Lord be with you to protect you,
The grace and goodness of the Lord of life go with you,
that you may dwell in him and he in you;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy
Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

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