

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

Risen Christ,
By the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

First Reading

Introduction

Acts 17.22-31 read by Pam

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

John 14.15-21 read by Eddie

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

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit,
Let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee:
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Prayers of Intercession

Led by Peter

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.

Hymn

**Lord, the light of your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us;
Set us free by the truth you now bring us,
Shine on me, shine on me.**

***Shine, Jesus, shine,
Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;***

***Send forth your word,
Lord, and let there be light!***

**Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
From the shadows into your radiance;
By the blood I may enter your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.
*Shine, Jesus, shine,....***

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness.
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.
*Shine, Jesus, shine,....***

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.