

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, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

First Reading

Acts 1.6-14 read by Pam

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

John 17.1-11 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

**Come down, O love divine,
 seek thou this soul of mine,
 and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
 O Comforter, draw near,
 within my heart appear,
 and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.**

**O let it freely burn,
 till earthly passions turn
 to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
 and let thy glorious light
 shine ever on my sight,
 and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.**

**Let holy charity
 mine outward vesture be,
 and lowliness become mine inner clothing;
 true lowliness of heart,
 which takes the humbler part,
 and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.**

**And so the yearning strong,
 with which the soul will long,
 shall far outpass the power of human telling;
 nor can we guess its grace,
 till we become the place
 wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.**

Prayers of Intercession

Led by Martin

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.

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