

SUGGESTED ORDER OF SERVICE for 3RD Sunday of Easter 26TH April 2020

Here are some ideas and suggested links for you to craft your own order of service to frame the recorded message provided on the church YouTube channel for today. It includes options on songs, liturgy and some suggested ways of praying, as well as the readings for the day.

OPENING SENTENCES *(included on the Youtube recorded message)*

Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your sting?

All Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your sting?

Christ is risen from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

All Death is swallowed up in victory.

The trumpet will sound and the dead shall be raised.

All Where, O death, is your sting?

We shall not all sleep, but we shall be changed.

All Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your sting?

SONG(S) OF PRAISE

Thine be the glory

- *with organ* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RbBOOmKMLmI>
- *with band* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bmJgbpJQHYU>

See what a morning <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=53c8sm8Kgic>

CONFESSION

Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us. Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

My God, for love of you I desire to hate and forsake all sins by which I have ever displeased you; and I resolve by the help of your grace to commit them no more; and to avoid all opportunities of sin. Help me to do this, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins, and restore us in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

READINGS Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Luke 24:13-35

SERMON – *Revd Janice Hamilton has recorded a message for today based on the readings which you can watch here:* <https://youtu.be/Swj0rSTqsu0>

SONG(S)

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vnqb7Vn4AEE>

Wonderful so wonderful <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ulZg1RzXaDk>

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; he was buried; he was raised to life on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures; afterwards he appeared to his followers, and to all the apostles: this we have received, and this we believe. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Here are a few of ideas for your prayers. You could also use some of the CofE prayers written for the Coronavirus outbreak, available as a separate downloadable document from the church website.

- Turn the north, east, south and west in turn and in your imagination cast your sight beyond your walls to your neighbours, your street, the wider community, to the towns and villages beyond and crossing borders to the nations beyond the horizon. As your vision widens gradually ask God to direct your sights to individuals, families, businesses, institutions, and governments and bring them before God in prayer.
- Use the arm gestures we used on Palm Sunday to accompany and frame your prayers:
 - 1) **raise arms in thanksgiving** and speak out reasons to be thankful;
 - 2) **stretch arms out to the side in shape of cross** as you pray for God's healing in the world;
 - 3) **hold arms out in front of you palms forward** as if reaching out in blessing as you pray for those working so hard to combat this virus;
 - 4) **hold up your hands over your heart and perhaps even sway back and forth**, as you recall the names of particular people that you are concerned for;
 - 5) **hold your arms just out from your sides**, a gesture of submission to God's will, as you acknowledge your trust in him and offer yourself in his service
 - 6) **raise your arms just in front of you with palms towards you** as pray the words of the Lord's prayer.
- Use this litany to frame your prayers, pausing to add your own petitions after each section

Make your ways known upon earth, Lord 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 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.

CLOSING SONG(S)

Great is thy faithfulness

- *with plucked guitar* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0k1WhFtVp0o>
- *with organ/trumpet* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dTKlqmdfHsk>

In Christ alone

- *With flute & solo female* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JWiFYJMGas0>
- *with Stuart Townend and congregation* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ouGuG97I2RY>

The greatest day in history

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v2gawJ7qn0Y>

CONCLUSION

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