

**ORDER OF SERVICE
ALL AGE EUCHARIST
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 11th 2021**

*Today our theme is:
Unless I see.....*

Rosie welcomes us to worship

Kaz, Oscar and Felix explain what All Age worship is

We sing our praises to God – Celebrate

PREPARATION

Revd Liz welcomes us to the service and introduces the theme.

We Greet Each Other in the Lord's Name

In the name of the Father
and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit
Amen

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

We Confess Our Sins – the bad things we do and the good things we fail to do – Roberta will lead the confession (with thanks to Diddy Disciples)

Roberta takes a pebble, holds it in the air and feels its weight

When we do things that make God or other people sad it can make us feel heavy and weighed down inside, like this pebble weighs our hand down.....

When we're feeling sad and heavy, we can give our feelings to God

The Bible says,
God will sink all our wrong things to the bottom of the sea!

So let's put our pebbles in gently and watch them sink to the bottom

Roberta drops her pebble in

Let's imagine God sinking the wrong things we've done to the bottom of the sea!

Pause

The good news is God always wants to give us a new start

God gives me a new start.

We receive God's forgiveness

May the God of love bring *us* back to himself,
forgive *us our* sins, and assure *us* of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Gloria

We keep a Time of Silence and Pray the Special Prayer for Today

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father. **Amen**

We have a quiz – *Do these go well together?*

We Sing Our Praises to God – Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

We Proclaim the Word of God – Ali, helped by Mary and Christy, reads the gospel

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'

After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'

When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them,

'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.'

But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.'

Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!'

Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

SERMON - Revd Liz gives the address with the help of Becky, Harriet, Jacob and Naomi, Claire, Euan and Aiden, Naomi and Arek.

We Say What We Believe – Sheila leads the affirmation of faith from our Easter Gardens

Let's 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.**

We pray for the Church and The World – Bella, Bennett, Akil and Sonia pray on our behalf

ending with,

**God of mercy, hear our prayer and make us one in heart and mind to serve you
with joy forever. Amen**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

We Share The Peace

The risen Christ came
and stood among his disciples and said,
'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad
when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the risen Christ
be always with you
and also with you. Alleluia.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We Sing Our Praises to God – Now the Green Blade Rises

We Prepare The Table

We Pray The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Rosie - Why is it right to give thanks and praise?

Answer Listen, and we will hear.

Lord of all life, you created the universe,

where all living things reflect your glory.

You give us this great and beautiful earth, to discover and to cherish.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away,
you sent Jesus, your Son.

He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

Rosie - Why do we share this bread and wine?

Answer Listen, and we will hear.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen,
Jesus took bread.

He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.
As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit,
and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Rosie - How do we follow Jesus Christ?

Answer Listen, and we will hear.

Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms. And now with Luke and Richard, Thomas and all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever. **Amen.**

**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
And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
now and forever Amen.**

We break the bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

President Jesus says, I am the bread of life,
whoever eats of this bread will live for ever.

All **Lord, our hearts hunger for you;
give us this bread always.**

Invitation to Communion

The church of God is not defined by the walls of a building but by the Body of Christ. By making our communion spiritually, we join with Christians everywhere to be nourished by the one who tells us 'I am the bread of life'.

President God's Holy Gifts for God's holy people
**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the
glory of God the Father. Amen**

The president receives communion.

Communion Music — All Heaven Declares

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen

NOTICES – Ally Warder

Members of our church community repeat the words of Jesus, *Happy Easter, Peace be with You* in a variety of languages - Patricia (IsiXhosa, IsiZulu and KiSwahili), Ansai (Mandarin), Maria (German), Jim (Gaelic), Blanca (Urdu), Miriam (Lugandan) and Kinga (Polish) greet us.

THE DISMISSAL

We go out with God's blessing

May God the Holy Spirit,
who came upon the beloved Son
at his baptism in the river Jordan,
pour out his gifts on you
who have come to the waters of new birth.
And the blessing ...

Amen

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. Amen

We Sing Our Praises to God – Hymn - Lord of the Dance

We go out to join in with what God's doing