

Second Sunday of Easter- Year A

Prayers taken from Twelve baskets resources
19th April 2020

Order of Service

Call to Worship

As we journey day by day, deeper into your love O Lord, may our worship today be a leap deeper into you, may our prayers be part of a loving conversation and may the words we hear draw us into a deeper understanding of who you are and who we are in you. Amen

Hymn: 196 H&P – I know that my redeemer lives

Opening Prayers

Living and life-giving God, You spoke, and light dawned.
You breathed, and life flourished.
By your words and hands creation burst with colour and vibrancy, and we praise you.
From your words, the stars shone.
By your goodness, the mountains rose, and the waves crashed.
You ordained all things that we may see a glimpse of your glory and power, and we adore you.
Through your grace, we were made in your image, From your great love, your son came.
In him, you revealed yourself and we saw love made man, and we thank you.
We praise the works of your hands and the love that you lavish upon us. Your love shines into each part of our lives, bringing light and warmth wherever it reaches.
Lord God,
You are grace and you love mercy.
In the face of our sin, you breath out forgiveness.
We confess those times Lord, when our lives have not reflected love into the world. We confess the words that we have said, the things that we have done and thought that have lacked love.

We confess
when we have knocked others down and not built them up.
when we have not shared all that you have given
when kindness has been an afterthought and we have loved in hindsight.
We give thanks that it is your very nature to be forgiving and ask that you renew your love and light in our lives. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: 528 (H&P) Jesus lover of my soul

Readings: Psalm 23

Reading: John 20:19-31

Read: Rev. Kens reflections on the readings

Hymn: 260 (H&P) Jesus is Lord

Prayers of intercession

We pray for our world, often it seems so broken that it is hard to know where to start so this morning we simply ask that you would give us ears to hear your prompting, hearts that feel yours breaking and the courage we need to respond as you call us to be your hands and feet in this place. Help us make the world better today than it was yesterday.

God in your mercy, Hear our prayers.

We pray for those called to serve in position of leadership in our country, place in them a heart for those who need their help the most and guide their decisions that through their work they may bring you glory.

God in your mercy, Hear our prayers.

We pray for our church, unite us in our love for you and help us to be a people that sees everyone the way that you see them. Pour out your spirit on us as we strive to love people and to love people well.

God in your mercy, Hear our prayers.

We pray for those in our lives who are hurting, as we hold them in our hearts and minds, we know that they are your children and you love them dearly. We ask that you grant them your healing power, that their faith may be strengthened and their bodies restored.

God in your mercy, Hear our prayers.

We pray for ourselves and ask that you would fill us with your spirit so that as we step into this week we are able to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with you our God.

God in your mercy, Hear our prayers. Amen.⁵

We will now take up the offering.

Blessing the offering

You Lord have given light and life, receive these our gifts to you. Bless these gifts that they may become light and life to others. Amen.

Hymn: 437 (H&P) Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Blessing

Step out from here in to the light and life of God, May his life be in your hearts,
May his light be in your eyes
and may life and light go from you to others. Amen