

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2020

This short act of **Easter worship** has been produced by the Jersey Methodist Churches at this time when we are unable to attend church buildings. The prayers, hymns and address can also be followed by visiting <https://www.facebook.com/StHelierMethodist>

**Call to Worship:** Alleluia! Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed alleluia!**

**Hymn: Thine be the Glory Singing the Faith 313**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bPjTfw4a2ZE>

- 1 Thine be the glory,  
risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory  
thou o'er death hast won;  
angels in bright raiment  
rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes  
where thy body lay:  
Thine be the glory,  
risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory  
thou o'er death hast won.**
- 2 Lo, Jesus meets us,  
risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us,  
scatters fear and gloom;  
let the Church with gladness  
hymns of triumph sing,  
for her Lord now liveth,  
death hath lost its sting:**
- 3 No more we doubt thee,  
glorious Prince of Life;  
life is naught without thee:  
aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors  
through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan  
to thy home above:**

**Prayers of Thanksgiving**, written by Rev Debbie Poole and read by Rosemary Parker

Loving God,

In these strange and turbulent times, we look to you for our strength and reassurance.

We give you thanks that you are always there for us and that on this special day; you remind us that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus

We thank you that death is not the end and that you gently hold us through grief, pain, separation and sorrow, wrapping your warmth of loving comfort and strength around us.

We thank you that even in uncertain and tough times, you give us blessing, enable us to look for the positive signs of your love.

We thank you for Spring, for new shoots and blossom on the trees, for plants pushing through the dark earth to find warmth in the sun and light.

We thank you for the stillness and the quiet, as we are all forced to stop and listen. For the breathing space that the Earth can use, to recover and rejuvenate.

We thank you for the sounds of nature, the birds who still sing, the trees that sway in the breeze and the sea that continues to rise and fall with the tide. For the sun that still rises

and sets and paints our sky with golds and reds.

We thank you for the key workers, who selflessly work long hours to provide medical help, food, care for others and for the generosity of spirit of all those who help, support and encourage in different ways and for drawing us closer to each other.

We thank you for children and the fun and laughter they give, echoing on the breeze, or via technology, cards and pictures.

For the positive messages and creative wisdom shared on social media, in phone calls and from those who have lived through other turbulent times, who remind us of their fortitude, resilience and commitment as we follow their example.

For the little things that mean a lot, for rainbows in windows, for the waving of hands and greetings across the invisible barriers of social distancing. For the clapping of hands and improvised percussion as we take time out to say, 'thank you'.

And on this Easter morning, we especially give thanks for the gift of Love revealed in Jesus and in so many who reflect his example and life.

We give thanks for new life, and your Holy Spirit active and touching our lives. We pray that you will help us to see Jesus and the hope and promise you give, moving us from confinement to a place of joy and peace and freedom.

And on this Easter Day we give thanks for our Risen Lord and pray your Blessing on us all. Amen.

**John 20:1-18** read by Rhodrick and Gloria Chatikobo

#### **Address**

**Taize chant: Bless the Lord My Soul**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3IC2XWBxktk>

#### **Prayers for Others**

Resurrection God I bring before you now my hopes, desires, needs and concerns and I trust that you hear me and help me.

For your church, a people of resurrection; frightened, weary, hopeful – may we all know your love empowering us to live the life we are gifted.

For your world, a people and creation; frightened, weary, determined – may we all know your love empowering us to live the life we are gifted.

For your vulnerable ones, the sick, the grieving, the isolated; frightened, weary, loved – may we all know your love empowering us to live the life we are gifted.

I especially want to pray for .....

Resurrection God,  
These are my prayers, our hopes, concerns, desires and needs and I trust that you hear me and will help me, help me to be your hands, your feet, your voice in all those situations and with all those people who need to know your gift of life. Amen.

*Our Father .....*

#### **Hymn: See what a Morning**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-LgE\\_E7yaz4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-LgE_E7yaz4)

**See, what a morning, gloriously bright,  
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;  
Folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light,  
As the angels announce, "Christ is risen!"  
See God's salvation plan,  
Wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,  
Fulfilled in Christ, the Man,  
For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!**

**See Mary weeping, "Where is He laid?"  
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;  
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name;  
It's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!  
The voice that spans the years,  
Speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to  
us,  
Will sound till He appears,  
For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!**

**One with the Father, Ancient of Days,  
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with  
certainty.  
Honor and blessing, glory and praise  
To the King crowned with pow'r and  
authority!  
And we are raised with Him,  
Death is dead, love has won, Christ has  
conquered;  
And we shall reign with Him,  
For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!**

**A prayer of blessing**

May you know life rising from the death,  
May you know hope rising from the pain,  
May you know light rising from the darkness,  
May you know and live love,  
May you know and live the life you are gifted.  
Amen

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