

## **WORSHIP SHEET**

### **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER. YR A**

**19 APRIL 2020**

**SENTENCE:** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1.3



*(In this time of isolation, take time before you say the Collect to remember with loving kindness your fellow members of St Paul's at Ashgrove and to collect yourself spiritually with them in this time, when we as followers of Christ need to be as loving and caring as we can.)*

**COLLECT:** Almighty and eternal God,  
the strength of those who believe  
and the hope of those who doubt:  
may we, who have not seen, have faith  
and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing;  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **READINGS**

#### **Acts 2.14a, 22-32**

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

' 22 "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— 23 this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. 24 But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. 25 For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; 26 therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. 27 For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. 28 You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' 29 "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. 30 Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. 31 Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' 32 This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

#### **Psalm 16**

1 Preserve me, O God:

for in you have I taken refuge.

**2 I have said to the Lord, You are my lord:  
and all my good depends on you.**

3 As for those who are held holy on the earth:  
the other gods in whom people delight,

**4 Though the idols are many that they run after:  
their offerings of blood I will not offer,  
nor take their name upon my lips.**

5 The Lord is my appointed portion and my cup:  
you hold my lot in your hands.

**6 The share that has fallen to me is in pleasant places:  
and a fair land is my possession.**

7 I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel:  
at night also he has instructed my heart.

**8 I have set the Lord always before me:  
he is at my right hand, and I shall not fall.**

9 Therefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices:  
my flesh also shall rest secure.

**10 For you will not give me over to the power of death:  
nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.**

11 You will show me the path of life:  
in your presence is the fulness of joy,  
and from your right hand flow delights for evermore.

### **A Reading from 1 Peter 1.1-12**

1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,

To the exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, <sup>2</sup> who have been chosen and destined by God the Father and sanctified by the Spirit to be obedient to Jesus Christ and to be sprinkled with his blood:

May grace and peace be yours in abundance.

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup> so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup> Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup> for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

<sup>10</sup> Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that was to be yours made careful search and inquiry, <sup>11</sup> inquiring about the person or time that the Spirit of Christ within them indicated when it testified in advance to the sufferings destined for Christ and the subsequent glory. <sup>12</sup> It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in regard to the things that have now been announced to you through those who brought you good news by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things into which angels long to look!

### **The Gospel Of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John Chapter 20 beginning at verse 19**

<sup>9</sup> 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." <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> 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."

<sup>26</sup> 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." <sup>27</sup> 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." <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> 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."

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> 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.

### **REFLECTION**

Please click on the link to watch the reflection on YouTube.

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=Smyyx5h938A](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Smyyx5h938A)

### **PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING**

**We give thanks for:** our church family and community, for Margaret; for all who help in the mission of the church

**We pray for:** • Pray for the church of Ireland - vacant  
the diocese of North West Australia: †Gary Nelson; clergy and people  
the parish of Toowoomba, St Bartholomew's: Adam Lowe, Daniel Rouhead, Peter Dutton,  
Bettrys Lowe, Amy Norman, Michael Calder, Holly Adamson  
Anglicare SQ children & families, Morayfield residential & foster kinship care  
Toowoomba Anglican School, Toowoomba: head of school – Simon Lees; chaplain – Zoe  
Browne; chair of school council – Mac Drysdale; members of school council; staff & students

**For health and healing:** Thomas Moore, Beryl and Tom Wakefield, Anthony Bugden, Saloni Paul, Fred Morrison, Romola Squire, Sue Jordan, Gillian, Andrew, Angela Bridges, David and Dianne

**At home or nursing home:** Jean Ward and Noela Burdett

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

As people of the living God, let us join together in our prayers as we say...

Holy God, breathe your life into the universe,  
Into this world and its people,  
Breathe responsible caring, honesty and compassion,  
In this time of uncertainty & fear of the unknown,  
Breathe right values and good stewardship, generosity,  
Peace, forgiveness, vision and hope.  
Breathe into us ..... **so that we may live in you.**

Holy God, breathe your life into the Church;  
Breathe holiness and deepening faith.  
Breathe energy, inspired teaching and fervent praise;  
Make us more receptive to your presence  
In our lives.  
Breathe into us ..... **so that we may live in you.**

Holy God, breathe your life  
Into our homes and work places,  
Breathe increased patience and understanding,  
And the courage to live our faith in you.  
When the unknown dangers of this world fill us with fear.  
Give us courage to face the months ahead.  
Breathe into us ..... **so that we may live in you.**

Holy God, breathe your life into those who suffer;  
Especially those throughout the world

Suffering from COVID-19 virus.  
Breathe comfort and wholeness,  
Forgiveness and new confidence and hope,  
Breathe peace of mind and the knowledge of your love  
Breathe into us ..... **so that we may live in you.**

Holy God, breathe your life into the dead and dying;  
Breathe courage for the journey  
And the realization that you can be trusted.  
Breathe life that lasts for ever.  
Breathe into us ..... **so that we may live in you.**

Holy God, breathe your life into us now  
As we offer your our thanks and praise  
For your life laid down out of love for us<sup>i</sup>.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
Your kingdom come,  
Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
As we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
Now and forever, Amen.

### **OFFERTORY**

It is important that we remember that when we give at the offertory or raise money through Fundraising, we are doing it for the coming of God's kingdom. Our giving is a covenant between God and ourselves. Whether it be to maintain a Priest in the Parish or to maintain God's building or most importantly - to give to those who need it. Our giving is something personal between God and ourselves. It is the same when we give of our time and our labour- it is for God and the coming of God's Kingdom. We do not do it for self-aggrandizement or for the promoting of our ego. We do not do it for the Priest or for someone to like us or to be one of the crowd. We give willingly and unconditionally, because IT IS FOR GOD. We give to the Church because we are the Church and we are the Body of Christ & our giving helps further Christ's mission to bring about his kingdom. So in these uncertain times, if you are able to continue giving for the work the Body of Christ, please use Direct Debiting. St Paul's bank details are BSB: 704901 Acc NO: 00004420

### **BLESSING & SENDING OUT.**

God be in my head and in my thinking, (touch head)  
God be in my hands and in my doing, (hold out hands)  
God be in my heart and in my loving. (hold heart) Amen.

Let me go out in peace to love  
And serve the Lord. Amen.

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<sup>i</sup> Prayers & Blessing resourced from Susan Sayers, "living Stones; The All-age resource for the Common Worship