



Second Sunday of Easter

24 April 2022

‘Doubting Thomas’

WELCOME AND NOTICES

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.
Let us rejoice and sing God's praise for ever.

SONG

*Alleluia, alleluia give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.*

Jesus is Lord of all the earth,
he is the King of creation.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth,
Jesus has died and has risen.

We have been crucified with Christ,
now we shall live forever.

God has proclaimed the just reward,
life for the world, alleluia!

Come let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Saviour.

Donald E. Fishel

All my days I will sing this song of gladness
Give my praise to the Fountain of delights
For in my helplessness, You heard my cry
And waves of mercy poured down on my life.

I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer
I will sing of the blood that never fails.
Of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed,
Of death defeated and life without end.

*Beautiful Saviour, Wonderful Counsellor
Clothed in majesty, Lord of history
You're the Way, the Truth, the Life,
Star of the Morning, glorious in holiness
You're the Risen One, heaven's Champion
And You reign, You reign, over all.*

I long to be where the praise is never ending
Yearn to dwell where the glory never fades
Where countless worshippers will share one song
And cries of worthy will honour the Lamb!

Stuart Townend

CONFESSION

Jesus Christ, risen master and triumphant Lord,
We come to you in sorrow for our sins,
And confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength
and not by the power of your resurrection,
In your mercy forgive us
Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes
as faithless and not believing.
In your mercy Forgive us
Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone,
And doubted our home in heaven.
In your mercy forgive us
Lord, hear us and help us

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

May almighty God
who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,
bring us his pardon and peace, now and forever
Amen

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

ACTIVITY

Who do you believe?

BIBLE READING

John 20: 19-31

SONG

God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus
He came to love, heal and forgive
He bled and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove
My Saviour lives.

*Because He lives, I can face tomorrow.
Because He lives, all fear is gone.
Because I know He holds the future.
And life is worth the living
Just because He lives.*

How sweet to hold our newborn baby,
And feel the pride and joy he gives.
But greater still the calm assurance,
This child can face uncertain days
Because Christ lives.

And then one day I'll cross that river
I'll fight life's final war with pain,
And then as death gives way to vict'ry
I'll see the lights of glory,
And I'll know He reigns.

Gloria Gaither | William J. Gaither

TALK

Sue Vallente-Kerr

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life
the one for whom we exist?
We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again

We believe and trust in him

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God,
and makes Christ known in the world

We believe and trust in him

This is the faith of the church

This is our faith.

We believe and trust in one God

Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Amen

PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

HYMN

Crown Him with many crowns
The Lamb upon His throne
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own.
Awake my soul and sing,
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life
Who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of love
Behold His hands and side
Rich wounds yet visible above
In beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky,
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends each burning eye
At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of peace
Whose power a sceptre sways
From pole to pole that wars may cease
And all be prayer and praise.

His reign shall know no end,
And round His pierced feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of years
The Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres
Ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail
For Thou hast died for me,
Thy praise shall never never fail
Throughout eternity.

George Job Elvey | Godfrey Thring | Matthew Bridges

BLESSING

God the Father,
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,
open to us the gates of everlasting life.
Amen.

God the Son,
who in bursting the grave has won a glorious victory,
give us joy as we share the Easter faith
Amen.

God the Holy Spirit
whom the risen Lord breathed into his disciples
empower us and fill us with Christ's peace
Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, Father Son and Holy Spirit
be with us all evermore. **Amen.**