sunnyside**church**

**Worshipping Together While Apart**

**Sunday 26th April 2020**

***Today we are trying something new to make our worship while we are apart a bit more like it is when we are together in Sunnyside****.*

*We are live streaming our service via the link that was emailed to everyone very recently. If you are able to watch the service via the link then you can also join in with the sung and spoken words in bold type if you would like to. The service should just flow as it would do if we were together in church. The words of the service also appear in the ‘notes’ tab on the screen, so use them, rather than these notes, which will work better if you are joining the service on ‘Churchonline’. There is also a ‘chat’ tab which lets you chat with everyone else who is taking part in the service.*

*If you can’t manage to do access the live stream and are using these notes, then I suggest that if there is more than one of you, you choose someone to read the words in normal print and all join in with the words in bold or if you are alone, you silently read the words in normal print and say the words in bold out loud. Try not to rush through the words but allow some time for God to speak to you and you to hear him.*

*Whether you are live streaming or not, feel free to join in the songs or just listen to Patrick lead us in worship.*

*Andrew*

***Call to Worship***

Let’s still our hearts and minds and invite the Holy Spirit to inspire us as we seek to worship God this morning.

We come into his presence confident in the knowledge that each one of us is precious to him.

We come into his presence confident in the knowledge that though we are apart this morning, we are together in spirit.

*Pause to allow us to experience God’s presence*

As we come into God’s presence, we are aware that not everything we have said, thought and done in recent days has been glorifying to him. We are also aware that there is much pain and brokenness in the world because of sin. Take a moment to bring to mind those things you wish to confess to our heavenly Father this morning:

*Pause*

**God of mercy, we acknowledge that we are all sinners.**

**We turn from the wrong that we have thought and said and done,**

**and are mindful of all that we have failed to do.**

**For the sake of Jesus, who died for us,**

**forgive us for all that is past,**

**and help us to live each day**

**in the light of Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Confident in the knowledge that God is quicker to forgive than we are to repent, we say the words of today’s collect

**Risen Christ,**

**you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:**

**strengthen us to proclaim your risen life**

**and fill us with your peace,**

**to the glory of God the Father. Amen**

As people forgiven and restored by God, we praise our Redeemer God,

using the words from Psalm 30

**Sing the praises of the Lord, you his faithful people,  
Praise his holy name.  
For his anger lasts only a moment,  
but his favour lasts a lifetime;  
Weeping may stay for the night,  
but rejoicing comes in the morning.  
You turned my wailing into dancing;  
you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,  
that my heart may sing your praises and not be silent.  
Lord my God, I will praise you for ever.**

**Psalm 30.4-5, 11-12**

***Songs***

**Rejoice (This is a new song for us at Sunnyside)**

Come and stand before your Maker  
Full of wonder, full of fear  
Come behold His power and glory  
Yet with confidence draw near

For the one who holds the heavens  
And commands the stars above  
Is the God who bends to bless us  
With an unrelenting love

*Rejoice, come and lift your hands and  
Raise your voice, He is worthy of our praise  
Rejoice, sing of mercies of your King  
And with trembling, rejoice*

We are children of the promise  
The beloved of the Lord  
Won with everlasting kindness  
Bought with sacrificial blood

Bringing reconciliation  
To a world that longs to know  
The affections of a Father  
Who will never let them go

*Rejoice, come and lift your hands and  
Raise your voice, He is worthy of our praise  
Rejoice, sing of mercies of your King  
And with trembling, rejoice*

All our sickness, all our sorrows  
Jesus carried up the hill  
He has walked this path before us  
He is walking with us still

Turning tragedy to triumph  
Turning agony to praise  
There is blessing in the battle  
So take heart and stand amazed

Rejoice, when you cry to Him He hears  
Your voice, He will wipe away your tears  
Rejoice, in the midst of suffering  
He will help you sing

*Rejoice, come and lift your hands and  
Raise your voice, He is worthy of our praise  
Rejoice, sing of mercies of your King  
And with trembling rejoice*

**Everyone needs Compassion**

Well, everyone needs compassion  
A love that's never failing  
But let mercy fall on me  
Well everyone needs forgiveness  
The kindness of a Saviour  
The hope of nations

*Saviour  
He can move the mountains  
My God is Mighty to save  
He is Mighty to save  
Forever  
Author of salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave  
Jesus conquered the grave*

So take me as You find me  
All my fears and failures  
And fill my life again  
I give my life to follow  
Everything I believe in  
And now I surrender

*Saviour  
He can move the mountains  
My God is Mighty to save  
He is Mighty to save  
Forever  
Author of salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave  
Jesus conquered the grave*

Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King  
Jesus

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**What a Beautiful Name it is**

You were the Word at the beginning  
One with God the Lord Most High  
Your hidden glory in creation  
Now revealed in You our Christ

What a beautiful Name it is  
What a beautiful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King

What a beautiful Name it is  
Nothing compares to this  
What a beautiful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us  
So Jesus, You brought heaven down  
My sin was great, Your love was greater  
What could separate us now

What a wonderful Name it is  
What a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King

What a wonderful Name it is  
Nothing compares to this  
What a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You  
You silenced the boast, of sin and grave  
The heavens are roaring, the praise of Your glory  
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival, You have no equal  
Now and forever, Our God reigns  
Yours is the Kingdom, Yours is the glory  
Yours is the Name, above all names

What a powerful Name it is  
What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King

What a powerful Name it is  
Nothing can stand against  
What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus

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Now and forever, Our God reigns  
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***Pause for thought***

Today we continue our celebration of Jesus’s resurrection and his victory over sin and death. We think about ways in which the risen Jesus can be present to us as he was to Cleopas and his companion.

***Reading***

Luke 24.13-35

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

***Talk***

**The Road to Emmaus – Revd. Rebecca Fardell**

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***‘Supper at Emmaus’ by Caravaggio 1601***

***Pause to reflect***

***Song***

**Love Came Down**

When I call on Your name You answer  
When I fall You are there by my side  
You delivered me out of darkness  
Now I stand in the hope of new life  
  
By grace I'm free  
You've rescued me  
All I am is Yours  
  
I've found a love, greater than life itself  
I've found a hope, stronger and nothing compares  
I once was lost, now I'm alive in You  
You're my God and my firm foundation  
It is You whom I'll trust at all times  
I give glory and praise, adoration  
To my Saviour who's seated on high

By grace I'm free  
You've rescued me  
All I am is Yours  
  
I've found a love, greater than life itself  
I've found a hope, stronger and nothing compares  
I once was lost, now I'm alive in You  
  
Love came down and rescued me  
I thank You, I thank You  
I once was blind but now I see  
I see You, I see You

I've found a love, greater than life itself  
I've found a hope, stronger and nothing compares  
I once was lost, now I'm alive in You

**Prayers**

***Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. (***1 Peter 5.7)

Let’s spend some time praying. You might like to include some or all of these things in your prayers:

* Our leaders, scientists, health workers and all working to help us navigate the coronavirus crisis
* Our neighbours and community as they face the effects of the crisis
* People who feel alone and isolated, anxious about their future and overwhelmed by the present
* The people we know, for whom life is particularly tough right now, in particular Jane Vaughan and her family as they mourn the death of David, whose funeral was on Thursday and the O’Dair family as they mourn the death of Richard’s dad.
* Our church family: may we grow nearer to God and to one another during this crisis
* Our family and ourselves
* That God will use this crisis to draw people to himself

We draw these prayers together in the following words:

**Keep us, good Lord,**

**under the shadow of your mercy**

**in this time of uncertainty and distress.**

**Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,**

**and lift up all who are brought low;**

**that we may rejoice in your comfort**

**knowing that nothing can separate us**

**from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Amen**

We say together the prayer that Jesus taught us:

**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.**

***Closing song***

**Guardian**

King of love and grace  
My guardian  
All my hopes and fears  
Are in Your hands  
I'm in Your hands

Where You go I'll go  
Show me the way  
Every step I take  
Be now my guide  
God on my side

You go before me  
You're there beside me  
And if I wander  
Love will find me  
Goodness and mercy  
Will always follow  
You go before me  
My Guardian

When I hear You say  
Trust and obey  
I will walk by faith  
And not by sight  
God of my life

So let Your kingdom come  
Your will be done  
All Your promises will stand forever  
You're my defender

You go before me  
You're there beside me  
And if I wander  
Love will find me  
Goodness and mercy  
Will always follow  
You go before me  
My Guardian

You are God our great defender  
Strong in love forever faithful  
We are Yours and we will trust in You

You go before me  
You're there beside me  
And if I wander  
Love will find me  
Goodness and mercy  
Will always follow  
You go before me  
My Guardian

***Closing prayer***

*Why not picture the people from Sunnyside who you would normally see on a Sunday and pray this blessing for all of your church family?*

**The Lord bless us and keep us;  
the Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us;**

**the Lord turn his face towards us and give us peace. Amen.**

Based on Numbers 6.24-26

***Coffee***

*Now, why not make yourself a cup of tea or coffee and then ring someone from Sunnyside for a chat?*

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