

**Hymn Sheet for Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024  
Morning Worship led by Rev Lesley Moseley**

**Welcome and Notices**

**Call to Worship – taken from Psalm 133**

**Hymn**

Jesus calls us here to meet Him  
as, through word and song and prayer,  
We affirm God's promised presence  
Where his people live and care.  
Praise the God who keeps His promise;  
Praise the Son who calls us friends;  
Praise the Spirit who, among us,  
To our hopes and fears attends.

Jesus call us to confess Him  
Word of life and Lord of all,  
Sharer of our flesh and frailness  
Saving all who fail or fall.  
Tell His holy human story;  
Tell His tales that all may hear;  
Tell the world that Christ in glory  
Came to earth to meet us here.

Jesus calls us to each other;  
Found in Him are no divides.  
Race and class and sex and language;  
Such are barriers He derides.  
Join the hands of friend and stranger;  
Join the hands of age and youth;  
Join the faithful and the doubter  
In their common search for truth.

Jesus calls us to His table  
rooted firm in time and space,  
Where the church in earth and heaven  
Finds a common meeting place.  
Share the bread and wine, His body;  
share the love of which we sing;  
Share the feast for saints and sinners  
Hosted by our Lord and King.

**Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

**Introduction**

**Hymn**

1. Give me the wings of faith to rise  
within the veil, and see  
the saints above, how great their joys,  
how bright their glories be

Once they were mourning here below,  
their faces wet with tears;  
they wrestled hard, as we do now,  
with sins and doubts and fears.

I ask them whence their victory came;  
they, with united breath,  
ascribe their conquest to the Lamb,  
their triumph to his death.

They marked the footsteps that he trod;  
his zeal inspired their breast;  
and, following their incarnate God,  
possess the promised rest.

Our glorious leader claims our praise  
for his own pattern given;  
while the long cloud of witnesses  
show the same path to heaven.

**New Testament Reading** John 20: 19 – 31 from the New Living Translation  
“Imagine you are a disciple in the room”

**Questions:**

How do you feel when you see Jesus?

What do you want to do?

What are you most likely to do?

**Hymn MP320**

Jesus, stand among us  
in Thy risen power;  
let this time of worship  
be a hallowed hour.

Breathe the Holy Spirit  
into every heart;  
bid the fears and sorrows  
from each soul depart.

Thus with quickened footsteps  
we'll pursue our way,  
watching for the dawning  
of eternal day.

**New Testament Reading** John 20: 19 – 31 from the Contemporary English Version  
“Imagine you are Thomas”

**Questions**

How do you feel after Jesus' first appearance?

How do you feel when Jesus suggests you put your finger in his side etc?

What has changed your mind about what has happened and about Jesus?

## Hymn

Safe, locked inside that upper room,  
too scared to let the truth be known,  
disciples had to see their Lord  
before that truth could be their own.

And Thomas, still so full of doubt,  
would not believe the tales they told  
till Christ appeared, to show his wounds -  
then his conviction made him bold.

Yet doubts and fears returned again.  
Once more they locked themselves away  
until the Holy Spirit came  
on that inspiring, vital day.

The truth is now a living fact.  
The love of God can never die.  
So bold apostles stood their ground  
their living Lord is not a lie.

We have not seen, but we believe  
and we must witness by our faith  
to living truth we have received,  
awakened by the Spirit's breath.

## Offertory and Prayer followed by Prayers of Concern

**New Testament Reading** John 20: 19 – 31 New Revised Standard Version (Anglicized)

“Imagine you are Jesus”

## Questions

Why do you say, ‘Peace be with you?’

What do you mean when you say, ‘As the Father sent me , so I send you?’

What do you want Thomas to learn from what happens to him?

## Hymn

What peace is there for tarnished lives,  
when love is challenged, hate survives?  
Remember in that Upper Room,  
Christ came and offered peace.

What peace for Peter who denied  
his friend who hung, his friend who died?  
And yet within that Upper Room  
Christ came and offered peace.

What peace for those who slept away,  
while Jesus sweated blood to pray?  
And yet within that Upper Room  
Christ came and offered peace.

What peace for Thomas full of doubt,  
with questions hedging all about?  
And yet within that Upper Room  
Christ came and offered peace.

What peace for those who fled away,  
when darkness covered brightest day?  
And yet within that Upper Room  
Christ came and offered peace.

What peace when we have let God down,  
denied God's call and made God frown?  
And yet within this present place  
Christ comes and offers peace.

### **Blessing**

**Exit Music:** Chorale Prelude 'Gelobt sei Gott' ('God be Praised') by Healey Willan

### **John 20.19-31 New Living Translation**

<sup>19</sup> That Sunday evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! “Peace be with you,” he said. <sup>20</sup> As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! <sup>21</sup> Again he said, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.” <sup>22</sup> Then he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone’s sins, they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

<sup>24</sup> One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), was not with the others when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> They told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he replied, “I won’t believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side.”

<sup>26</sup> Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing among them. “Peace be with you,” he said. <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don’t be faithless any longer. Believe!”

<sup>28</sup> “My Lord and my God!” Thomas exclaimed.

<sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, “You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me.”

<sup>30</sup> The disciples saw Jesus do many other miraculous signs in addition to the ones recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name.

### **John 20.19-31 Contemporary English Version**

<sup>19</sup> The disciples were afraid of the Jewish leaders, and on the evening of that same Sunday they locked themselves in a room. Suddenly, Jesus appeared in the middle of the group. He greeted them <sup>20</sup> and showed them his hands and his side. When the disciples saw the Lord, they became very happy.

<sup>21</sup> After Jesus had greeted them again, he said, “I am sending you, just as the Father has sent me.” <sup>22</sup> Then he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone's sins, they will be forgiven. But if you don't forgive their sins, they will not be forgiven.”

<sup>24</sup> Although Thomas the Twin was one of the twelve disciples, he wasn't with the others when Jesus appeared to them. <sup>25</sup> So they told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But Thomas said, "First, I must see the nail scars in his hands and touch them with my finger. I must put my hand where the spear went into his side. I won't believe unless I do this!"

<sup>26</sup> A week later the disciples were together again. This time, Thomas was with them. Jesus came in while the doors were still locked and stood in the middle of the group. He greeted his disciples <sup>27</sup> and said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and look at my hands! Put your hand into my side. Stop doubting and have faith!"

<sup>28</sup> Thomas replied, "You are my Lord and my God!"

<sup>29</sup> Jesus said, "Thomas, do you have faith because you have seen me? The people who have faith in me without seeing me are the ones who are really blessed!"

<sup>30</sup> Jesus worked many other miracles for his disciples, and not all of them are written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you will put your faith in Jesus as the Messiah and the Son of God. If you have faith in him, you will have true life.

### **John 20.19-31 New Revised Standard Version (Anglicised)**

<sup>19</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.