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9:30am Sunday, 16th April



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Preacher: Revd Gordon Newton

John 20:19-31

1 Peter 1:3-9

LIVE STREAM WELCOME

Revd Gordon Newton and Deacon Ali McMillan

**VIDEO CALL TO WORSHIP - He Is The Risen King
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VIDEO SONG – Crown Him With Many Crowns

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,
who 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 peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end,
and round his piercèd feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side-
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail
throughout eternity.

Matthew Bridges and Godfrey Thring

OPENING PRAYERS

Led by Revd Gordon Newton

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please join in using your own language or the version you prefer

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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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OFFERING PRAYER

Led by Revd Gordon Newton

VIDEO GOSPEL READING John 20:19-31

Read by Brian Obiri

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, 'Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.' ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.'

²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord!'

But he said to them, 'Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.'

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.'

²⁸ Thomas said to him, 'My Lord and my God!'

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, 'Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe [b] that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

VIDEO SONG – The Old Rugged Cross

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suffering and shame,
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross
And exchange it some day for a crown.*

O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God left his glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary.

*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross
And exchange it some day for a crown.*

In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
a wondrous beauty I see;
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died
to pardon and sanctify me.

*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross
And exchange it some day for a crown.*

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true,
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;
Then he'll call me some day to my home far away
Where his glory for ever I'll share.

*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross
And exchange it some day for a crown.*

George Bennard

VIDEO EPISTLE LESSON – 1 Peter 1:3-9

Read by Alciana Lawal

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last

time. ⁶ In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷ These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith – of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire – may result in praise, glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

SERMON 'A living hope'

Revd Gordon Newton

VIDEO HYMN - He Has Risen

*He has risen,
He has risen,
He has risen,
Jesus is alive.*

When the life flowed from His body,
Seemed like Jesus' mission failed.
But His sacrifice accomplished,
Victory over sin and hell.

*He has risen,
He has risen,
He has risen,
Jesus is alive.*

In the grave God did not leave Him,
For His body to decay;
Raised to life, the great awakening,
Satan's power He overcame.

*He has risen,
He has risen,
He has risen,
Jesus is alive.*

If there were no resurrection,
We ourselves could not be raised;
But the Son of God is living,
So our hope is not in vain.

*He has risen,
He has risen,
He has risen,
Jesus is alive.*

When the Lord rides out of heaven,
Mighty angels at His side,
They will sound the final trumpet,
From the grave we shall arise.

*He has risen,
He has risen,
He has risen,
Jesus is alive.*

He has given life immortal,
We shall see Him face to face;
Through eternity we'll praise Him,
Christ, the Champion of our faith.

*He has risen,
He has risen,
He has risen,
Jesus is alive.*

Gerald Coates, Noel & Tricia Richards

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Deacon Ali McMillan

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VIDEO HYMN – To God Be The Glory

To God be the glory, great things he has done;
so loved he the world that he gave us his Son;
who yielded his life in atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice;
praise the Lord, Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice:
oh come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he has done!*

Oh perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To all who accept it, the promise of God;
the worst of offenders who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice;
praise the Lord, Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice:
oh come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he has done!*

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice;
praise the Lord, Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice:
oh come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he has done!

Frances Jane van Alstyne (Fanny Crosby)

CONTACTING THE HEALING PRAYER TEAM

Deacon Ali McMillan

THE BLESSING

Revd Gordon Newton

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