

St Nicholas Church, 24 April 202

CALL TO WORSHIP

Behind closed doors
God's Spirit blows on us
Through closed hearts
God's Spirit works in us
In God's time
We come before God to worship
and wonder and be blessed

CAROL 1: JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE (TUNE: ODE TO JOY)



(ZOOM) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2yZVweZ2Cvg>

Verse 1

Joyful joyful we adore Thee
God of glory Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee
Opening to the sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness
Drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness
Fill us with the light of day

Verse 2

Thou art giving and forgiving
Ever blessing ever blest
Wellspring of the joy of living
Ocean depth of happy rest
Thou our Father Christ our brother
All who live in love are Thine
Teach us how to love each other
Lift us to the joy divine

Verse 3

Mortals join the mighty chorus

Which the Morning Stars began
Love divine is reigning o'er us
Leading us with mercy's hand
Ever singing march we onward
Victors in the midst of strife
Joyful music lifts us sunward
In the triumph song of life

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OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Prayer of thanksgiving
We raise our prayers to the One
who shares our wounds
who shares our lives
who shares in our past and present and future.

We give You thanks for the simple things of life:
for nourishing food which is readily available,
for roofs over our heads, to keep us safe,
for easy access to healthcare,
for committed educators, widening horizons and
encouraging imaginations,
for families and support, and a faith community, to
share in our lives and support us in love.

Help us, Eternal Spirit of Love,
never to take for granted all that we have.

We thank You for the inspiration of the disciples,
who emerged from behind hidden doors
and walked and acted in faith, sharing in all the
possibilities which You, Jesus Christ, called them to
engage in.

We thank You for the people of faith,
down through the centuries
who similarly have shared their faith
and showed it in practical ways
that so many could be touched and affected by faith.

We thank You for the people around us,
who share in worship and work:
that this place and people
will continue to walk and act in faith,

as Christ has called us to.

These prayers we make in the name of Jesus Christ,
The One who stood in the upper room and changed the
lives of Thomas and the disciples, and now, even us.
Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHILDREN'S ADDRESS - JESUS IS ALIVE

SONG (LIVE SERVICE) - YES JESUS LOVES ME

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KqghCEt1TFo>

BIBLE READING: JOHN 20:19-31

REFLECTION - 'JESUS APPEARS TO HIS DISCIPLES'

PRAYER OF OFFERINGS AND OTHERS

Resurrection Love in action, who is and was and
will be, let us raise our prayers
for the people who sit around us,
for the people who join us online,
for the people who have already worshipped long
before we were even awake far to the East,
for the people who are yet to see the dawn and
will continue these uplifting of prayers
as the world turns.

Father, Son and Holy Spirit we pray for our
children as they return to school for their
final term this year. May they bless their
teachers by their lively laughter and thirst
for knowledge.

We pray for our older students with exams on
the horizon in school, college and university.
May they have strength for this final task
before their summer break.

We pray for teachers who dedicate their lives
to their students. May they know fulfilment and
joy in their task.

We pray for the people we know whom we love

whose good we pray for this day.
For the people whose lives are straightforward
we give You thanks. For the people who await
results of medical investigations we give You
our worries. For the people who are frail and
whose lives are limited we give You our
concern. For the people whom we have lost,
we entrust to Your care all those whom we love.

We pray for our Church
in the way She seeks to serve
and live in the light of Your Resurrection
Power. May we seek how we can live well,
serve our communities, and bless Your Name
in all that we do and say and are.

We pray for our communities, country and world.
We pray for peacekeepers,
who reach beyond the boundaries,
offering a hand of hope and understanding.
We pray for healers,
who tend to the wounds of ancient hurts.
We pray for justice bringers,
who uncover hidden abuse,
to enable justice and healing,
and a different way of living.

These prayers we make in the Name of the
Creator, Redeemer and Perfecter of our Faith.
Amen.

CLOSING CAROL: CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWN
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3YJnVN6wdvI>

Verse 1

Crown Him with many crowns
The Lamb upon the throne
While Heaven's eternal anthem drowns
All music but it's own
Awake my soul and sing
Of Him who died to be
Your Saviour and your matchless King
Through all eternity

Verse 2

Crown Him the Lord of peace
His kingdom is at hand
From pole to pole let warfare cease
And Christ rule every land
A city stands on high
His glory it displays
And there the nations holy cry
In joyful hymns of praise

Verse 3

Crown Him the Lord of years
The potentate of time
Creator of the rolling spheres
In majesty sublime
All hail Redeemer hail
For You have died for me
Your praise shall never never fail
Through all eternity

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BENEDICTION AND AMEN:

**As we go out into God's world this week,
may we live our lives as Easter people!**

**May we be those who say, "Why do you look
for the living among the dead? Jesus is
not here. He is risen."**

**May we all be ready to be surprised with
what God will do next. May we look for
the risen Christ in those you meet and
let the Holy Spirit nudge and guide us.**

**The tomb is empty because Jesus is out in
the world, and now we must go out into
the world too! May the joy and wonder of
that first Easter morning live in our
hearts today and everyday.**

May the grace... Amen.

**VIDEO AFTER THE SERVICE - O Praise The Name
(Anástasis) <https://youtu.be/LqBpifDpNKc>**