



Resurrection Gospel (4)

We will all be changed

Sunday 2nd May 2021

1 Corinthians 15: 50 - 58



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Welcome and notices

- Church council zoom meeting
- Christian Aid reminder
 - direct donations or through the church rear door
- 13th May Ascension Day Zoom Service
- See Mark's May letter for other dates



Call to worship

When you heard about Christ, you were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to



put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness (Ephesians 4: 21-24).



Opening prayer

Creator of the universe, you made the world in beauty, and restore all things in glory through the victory of Jesus Christ. We pray that, wherever your image is still disfigured by poverty, sickness, selfishness,



war and greed, the new creation in
Jesus Christ may appear in justice, love,
and peace, to the glory of your name.
Amen.



Confession

This was John Wesley's prayer when he sought forgiveness for his sins:

Lord Jesus, you were called the friend of sinners; be my friend, for I acknowledge that I have sinned.

Forgive the wrong that I have done
and the right that I have failed to do;
my secret and my more open sins; my
sins of ignorance and my deliberate
sins; sins to please myself and sins to
please others; the sins which I
remember, and the sins which I have



forgotten; forgive all these, for it was for me also that you died, my Lord and Saviour. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins by saying together:



Lord our God, in our sin we have avoided your call. Our love for you is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes early away. Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgement; bind up our wounds and revive us; in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



God is slow to anger and full of compassion. He forgives all who humbly repent and trust in his Son as Lord and Saviour. There is therefore no condemnation now for those who are in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**



I know that my redeemer lives



1 Corinthians 15: 50 - 58

I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Listen, I tell you a mystery: we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed – in a flash,



in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has



been clothed with the imperishable,
and the mortal with immortality, then
the saying that is written will come
true: 'Death has been swallowed up in
victory.'

'Where, O death, is your victory?
Where, O death, is your sting?'



The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the



work of the Lord, because you know
that your labour in the Lord is not in
vain.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Offertory prayer

Help us to be generous givers, dear Lord, both of our money and our lives, that we might make a difference in this place. We ask this through your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ who gave all that He was that we might know life in all its fullness. Amen.



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To God be the glory



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Prayers of intercession

These are responsive prayers. Each prayer will conclude, 'Generous God', to which the response is 'pour out your love.'

Generous God
pour out your love.



God of mercy and love, we pray for all people in all places around the world. We pray for all those who worship God around the world this day. We pray for all those who have no faith. We pray for those who believe that violence and anger represent their religion.



We pray for those who have little or nothing to eat, for those who are starving, who have no shelter, who have no friends. We pray for those who have everything they need in material terms, but who have no purpose in life, who never sees the need in their fellow creatures. Lord, open their eyes to

creatures. Lord, open their eyes to
charity towards others.

Generous God

pour out your love.



We pray for those who lead us in faith.
We pray for all who lead others in
worship, in whatever country, and
whatever faith they follow. May all
leaders, religious or otherwise, be
guided by care for their fellow women
and men.



Generous God

pour out your love.



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We pray for those who are sick, and who suffer, wherever they are in the world, whether they suffer from disease, injury, abuse, or neglect. Lord be with them in their suffering. We pray for any who suffer and who are known to us. Let us each pray for those known to us who are in need.



Generous God

pour out your love.



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We pray for all who are without faith, hope or love. We pray for those who are sick, desperate or bereaved and for those who care for them and seek to bring them relief from their suffering. Give them your strength and courage to carry on and give them hope for the future. We pray especially



for all those known to us who are in special need of our prayers, and we remember them now in a moment of silence ...

Generous God

pour out your love.

We pray for those who we love and who have died. We remember them in our hearts and hope one day to meet them again, in whatever way God will grant us. Jesus Christ is the light of the world, a light which no darkness can quench. We remember before God those who have died and light a candle to



symbolise the light of Christ, which eternally shines and brings hope. You turn our darkness into light: in your light shall we see light.

Generous God

pour out your love.



Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us say together the Lord's Prayer.



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.**

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My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' name.



My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' name.



Christ alone, Cornerstone,
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love,
Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of
all.



When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil.



Christ alone, Cornerstone,
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love,
Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of
all.



When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne



Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love,
Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all.
You will always be, Lord, oh, yeah.



Closing prayer and blessing

May the wonder of the word made flesh, the power of the cross, the joy of the resurrection and the presence of the risen and living Lord be with us all, now and always, **Amen.**



And the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you
and all who you love, all who you care
for and all who you pray for, this day
and evermore, **Amen.**



Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

