

# Church Alive Zoom and at Home Worship Sheet

Easter 2 – 11<sup>th</sup> April 2021



*(For the Zoom service:*

*Welcome to Zoom Church Alive.*

*We will meet at 11am and start the service at 11.05am. Please use MUTE on your computer at 11.05am for the service, especially wherever we are singing together, except in the sections where marked. If you'd like to say something at other times, please 'raise your hand' (you will find this in the Participants section) or type it in under 'chat' and it will appear on the screen.)*

*Today we remember Jesus appearing to his disciples after his resurrection and how their sadness, fear and despair turns to joy. But Thomas was not with them and he needs to see Jesus for himself to believe. And Jesus gives him what he needs. A week later he appears to the disciples again and invites Thomas to touch his wounds and Thomas proclaims him 'My Lord and My God'.*

**Opening Song:** Sing of the Lord's goodness [Sing Of The Lord's Goodness with lyrics - YouTube](#)

## **Call to Worship & Opening Prayer:**

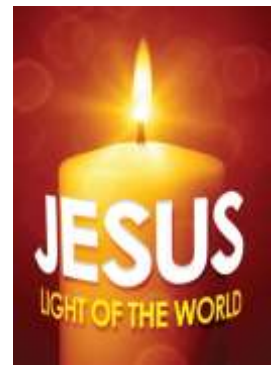
God, whose light shines in the darkness,  
**shine on us today.**

God, made known to those who met Jesus,  
**touch us through the experiences of our lives.**

God, who gave Thomas what he asked,  
**give us what we need – that we too may come to believe.**  
**Amen.**

*If you are able, and it is safe to do so, you might like to light your candle at this point as well and hold up your candle as we say our prayer together.*

**All: Lord, we light this candle,  
to remind us that you are the light of the world.  
As we gather together in spirit,  
make our voices ready to sing your praise;  
our hearts open to receive your love  
and our minds alive to your Spirit.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



## **We seek God's healing and forgiveness:**

Lord, we come before you to say sorry. Sorry for all the times we've let you, ourselves and others down.

*Silence is kept for a time.*

For the times we live in fear instead of trusting in you.

**Forgive us and help us**

For the times we judge others especially those who don't share our beliefs.

**Forgive us and help us**

For the times we grieve you with our unbelief.

**Forgive us and help us**

## We hear words assuring us of God's forgiveness

May the God of love  
bring us back to himself,  
forgive us our sins,  
and assure us of his eternal love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**



**Thanksgiving:** The disciples were full of fear and despair hiding behind locked doors after the crucifixion, but then the risen Christ appeared to them and shared his peace with them and they were filled with joy. When has Christ's presence been transforming in your life? Are there any moments of God's peace you have experienced this last week you'd like to say thank you for? Any moments of joy?

Bible Reading – **John 20:19-end** Jesus appears to the Disciples Good New Bible

<sup>19</sup> It was late that Sunday evening, and the disciples were gathered together behind locked doors, because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities. Then Jesus came and stood among them. "Peace be with you," he said. <sup>20</sup> After saying this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy at seeing the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup> Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

<sup>24</sup> One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (called the Twin), was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" Thomas said to them, "Unless I see the scars of the nails in his hands and put my finger on those scars and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup> A week later the disciples were together again indoors, and Thomas was with them. The doors were locked, but 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 look at my hands; then reach out your hand and put it in my side. Stop your doubting, and believe!" <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Do you believe because you see me? How happy are those who believe without seeing me!"

<sup>30</sup> In his disciples' presence Jesus performed many other miracles which are not written down in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these have been written in order that you may believe<sup>[a]</sup> that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through your faith in him you may have life.

### On Zoom - Talk

**At Home - please use the separate Resources sheet.**

**Song:** Open the eyes of my heart, Lord [Open The Eyes Of My Heart Lord - YouTube](#)

### Prayers

*(On zoom - We will play a very short piece of music, during which you can add your prayers to the chat and then they will be included in the prayer time).*

*Today we might particularly pray for:*

*For Christians throughout the world celebrating the resurrection of Jesus.*

*For those struggling in their faith, who feel full of doubt, that you will give them what they need.*

*For our church here at St James as we start to find ways to come together again and support those who are still fearful.*

*For people to act sensibly and responsibly as the restrictions are eased.  
Those with Covid and those caring for them, and for all keyworkers.  
For children and school staff that they will enjoy the holidays and find time to relax and recharge.  
Those who are sick and those who feel anxious, lonely or isolated.  
The souls of those who have died and for those grieving.*

**All: Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen**

**All: 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.**

**Song:** Sing out an Easter song [Sing Out An Easter Song - YouTube](#)

### **Blessing**

**May Christ,  
Who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future,  
Fill us with his new life;  
And with the blessing...  
Amen.**

### **The Peace**

**Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
In the name of Christ. Amen**

*(On zoom - We share the peace with each other using sign language  
Fellowship time – unmute. We will go around the group so that everyone has a chance to let us know  
how they are and any news they want to share).*

