

The Benefice of Silsoe, Pulloxhill and Flitton
Growing as beacons of Christ's Light in our communities

All Age Worship and Reflection for the Third Sunday after Easter



*Road from Jerusalem to Jericho probable site for the story of the Good Samaritan
(Malcolm Kern 2017)*

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

and also with you.

A gathering prayer

God, we gather as your people.

We come to walk a journey together,
to talk and to share along the way,
to meet and to know Jesus.

Help us to marvel at all that Jesus has done for us. **Amen.**

Confession

We are going to say sorry to God, for those times when we have behaved badly and forgotten to love you and one another as we should.

Loving God, you love us when we have not loved you:

forgive us.

When we have not given our neighbours the love you have shown to them:

forgive us.

When we have been angry and unable to forgive and seek forgiveness from our neighbours:

forgive us.

When the example we have set has been less than perfect:

forgive us.

Lord, forgive us for those things

we have done wrong

and help us to be better people in the future.

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

May the father of all mercies
cleans us from our sins
and restore us in his image,
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
All: Amen

The Collect for the third Sunday after Easter

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

The Gospel Reading Luke 24:13-35

Hear the Gospel of our Lord according to Luke

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' ¹⁹ He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.

Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Page ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' ²⁵ Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah^[e] should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

This is the word of The Lord
All: Thanks be to God. Amen

Song: Colours of day

Colours of day dawn into the mind,
the sun has come up, the night is behind.
Go down in the city, into the street,
and let's give the message to the people we meet.

So light up the fire and let the flame burn,
open the door let Jesus return,
take seeds of his Spirit, let the fruit grow
tell the people of Jesus, let his love grow.

Go through the park, on into the town;
The sun still shines on; it never goes down.
The light of the world is risen again:
The people of darkness are needing our friend.

So light up the fire and let the flame burn,
open the door let Jesus return,
take seeds of his Spirit, let the fruit grow
tell the people of Jesus, let his love grow.

Open your eyes, look into the sky,
The darkness has come, the sun came to die.
The evening draws on, the sun disappears,
But Jesus is living, and his Spirit is near.

So light up the fire and let the flame burn,
open the door let Jesus return,
take seeds of his Spirit, let the fruit grow
tell the people of Jesus, let his love grow.

Talk

A Creed for Eastertide

Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe.

Amen

Prayers of intercession

Let us pray to the Lord who is our refuge and our stronghold:

For the health and wellbeing of our nation,
that all who are fearful and anxious may be at peace and free from worry:

Lord hear us

All: Lord graciously hear us

For the isolated and housebound,
that we may be alert to their needs
and care for them in their vulnerability

Lord hear us

All: Lord graciously hear us

For our homes and families,
our children and young people
the hungry and the lonely

Lord hear us

All: Lord graciously hear us

For a blessing on our community
that our neighbourhoods may be places of trust and friendship where all are known and cared for
Lord hear us

All: Lord graciously hear us

For a blessing for those who care and serve in these challenging times

Lord hear us

All: Lord graciously hear us

May you grant peace and comfort to those who are bereaved and who can't travel with their
loved ones on their last journey on earth.

Today we remember especially David Pilcher for the loss of his wife, Roni, and Roy Pinnock for the
loss of his sister, Shirley.

Lord hear us

All: Lord graciously hear us

May you grant eternal rest to those whom we love but no longer see and reunite us with them at
our ending and especially today we remember your servants Roni and Shirley.

Lord hear us

All: Lord graciously hear us

We commend ourselves and all those for whom we pray to your mercy and protection loving and
wise God.

Lord in your mercy

All: hear our prayer

Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen



*The Sea of Galilee at Capernaum near the
ruins of Peter's mother-in-law's house:
a frequent refuge for Jesus.
(Gillian Kern 2019)*

Let's gather all our prayers together in the one prayer that Jesus taught us, our family 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**

A sending out prayer

Lord Jesus,
as you walked on the road to Emmaus,
walk with us on the roads we travel.
Help us to know your presence with us,
and to be your presence to others.
And, at the end of the day,
may we all share in fellowship with you and one another.
Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

In the name of Christ. Amen



*The Synagogue at Capernaum
(Gillian Kern 2019)*

The service was taken from Common Worship: Church of England 2016. The Gospel from the New Standard Revised Version Anglicised translation of the Bible.

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