

# Church Family Worship Online

Sunday 2nd May 2021

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## WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

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### HYMN: Great is thy faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been thou forever will be.

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

*Great is thy faithfulness...*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

*Great is thy faithfulness...*

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## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

May the God of love and power  
forgive us and free us from our sins,  
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,  
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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## "SOMETHING EXTRA"

*with Sheila Lloyd*

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### BIBLE READING: 2 Timothy 2.1-13

*read by Mick Kavanagh*

You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup> and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. <sup>3</sup> Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. <sup>4</sup> No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. <sup>5</sup> An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. <sup>6</sup> It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. <sup>7</sup> Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

<sup>8</sup> Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, <sup>9</sup> for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! <sup>10</sup> Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. <sup>11</sup> The saying is trustworthy, for:

If we have died with him,  
we will also live with him;  
<sup>12</sup> if we endure,  
we will also reign with him;  
if we deny him,  
he also will deny us;  
<sup>13</sup> if we are faithless,  
he remains faithful—  
for he cannot deny himself.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## THE SERMON

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## THE CREED

I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic \* Church, [\* ie. 'universal' or 'whole']  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

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## ST PETER'S UPDATE

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### THE PRAYERS

*led by Matt Cox*

— *The Collect for the fifth Sunday of Easter*

**Almighty God,**  
**who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ**  
**have overcome death and opened to us the gate**  
**of everlasting life:**  
**grant that, as by your grace going before us**  
**you put into our minds good desires,**  
**so by your continual help**  
**we may bring them to good effect;**  
**through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen.**

— *The Intercessions*

— *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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### HYMN: There is a higher throne

There is a higher throne  
than all this world has known,  
where faithful ones from ev'ry tongue  
will one day come.  
Before the Son we'll stand,  
made faultless through the Lamb;  
believing hearts find promised grace —  
salvation comes.

*Hear heaven's voices sing,  
their thunderous anthem rings,  
through emerald courts and sapphire skies,  
their praises rise.  
All glory, wisdom, power,  
strength, thanks, and honour are  
to God our King, who reigns on high,  
for evermore.*

And there we'll find our home,  
our life before the throne;  
we'll honour Him in perfect song  
where we belong.  
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye  
as thirst and hunger die.  
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King;  
we'll reign with Him.

*Hear heaven's voices sing...*

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### THE CONCLUSION

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

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