

Service for 6-9-2020.

\*\*\*\*\*Introit: 216 – “Rejoice the Lord is King.” Vs 1 only.

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Based on Psalm 149)

L: Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song

**R: Sing of light and hope**

L: Praise God with joyful music, and singing and dancing.

**R: Praise with lives of Love**

L: Rejoice with strings and drums

**All: Rejoice with justice and peace.**

Prayer: Holy God, we sing Your songs of praise, rejoicing in Your love. We know that when we gather, You are here with us. Build us into Your faithful community, a community that cares for one another and listens to one another in love and grace. It is with joy that we honour You with our sacrifice of praise and worship. Amen.

Good Morning – Welcome to virtual worship – We’re going to look at Passover, walking in the light, and being part of the family of Christ and being clothed in Jesus.

PRAYER OF ADORATION and CONFESSION:

Lord with worshippers throughout the centuries, we offer you, our thanksgiving and praise with music and song, because our lives are graced by your faithfulness and your glory. You delivered the Israelites of old from enslavement and death simply because you loved them. You delivered us from enslavement to sin and death through the sacrificial love of Jesus Christ.

Merciful and gracious God, when we remember that we have been clothed with Jesus Christ from the time of our baptism, we are filled with a sense of wonder and joy that You should care for us so deeply. Such care for us forces us to examine our response to such an outpouring of love on Your behalf. Sadly, we confess that there are times when our words and actions, our weak or unconvincing witness deny the existence of Your love woven into our lives. When our behaviour is patterned more on the values of the world than the values of Jesus: forgive us and weave Your Spirit anew within us.

When we clothe ourselves with habits which reflect our own selfish desires rather than the selfless nature of Jesus: forgive us and weave Your Spirit anew within us.

When the lives of neighbours are unraveling because of poverty, broken relationships, substance abuse, discrimination, and we fail to love them as Jesus loves us: forgive us and weave Your Spirit anew within us.

When we believe that we have to gather up the loose ends and tangled threads of our lives and our families and communities on our own instead of accepting Your help and care: forgive us and weave your Spirit anew within us.

Merciful God, take the frayed strands of our lives and weave them into something beautiful. This we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen

Jesus promises that if two or three agree and ask, God hears our prayers and grants our request. Together, let us forgive what is past and ask God to lead us into a future of hope.

Prayers for the People, the Church and the World.

Loving God, we give thanks that You have created a world of rich beauty and diversity; hear our prayers for all the people of the earth. We pray for those who are struggling with the ongoing threat of Covid-19. For places where life is being disrupted by the virus and many are dying from the effects. For those who are suffering natural disasters of floods from tropical storms, from wild fire and wind storms. We pray that leaders of nations will work for peace, especially those leaders trying to keep peace in Pacific region.

We give thanks that You have revealed yourself to us in Your Son, Jesus, hear our prayers for Your Church, its ministers and people. We pray for places where Your Church has strayed from Your teaching, for those who are persecuted for their faith. For our own Church and for all our people as we hang together though kept apart by the virus. Help us to recognise You amongst us whenever two or three are gathered in Your name.

We give thanks that You teach us the ways of forgiveness and reconciliation; hear our prayers for the people of this community. We pray for those who have been made redundant and those who cannot find work; for those whose needs are ignored and those who cannot care for themselves; for our families and our friends. As we continue in lockdown, we pray that we will soon be able to see family and friends. Open our eyes to recognise You among us in our friends and neighbours.

We give You thanks that You help us to care for the sick and for those who have lost their way. Hear our prayer for all who are in need. We pray for the those whose lives are ruled by addiction to alcohol, drugs or gambling; for the broken hearted and for all those who have lost all purpose in life; for the sick and the dying and all those who care for them. We ask that You will wrap Your arms of love and comfort around those who are struggling with the virus.. It is so hard when these losses happen Lord, and we are not able to even go to say goodbye to our loved ones, so be with Charlie at this challenging time.

We give thanks for those who have shown us Your love through their words and actions. Help us to live so others will recognise You in our midst through our words and actions. We give thanks for the example of Jesus and we give thanks that He taught us to pray saying – Our Father.....Amen.

Blessing:

We have gathered together, and God has been with us. We go forth to serve, and God goes before us. Go with power of God.

And may the Lord bless you and keep you,

the Lord make His face to shine upon you

The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you

and give you peace.

Amen

755 – You Shall go out with Joy