

Glen Park Gospel Church

Sunday, April 12th, 2020

(These written prayers and other worship service activities would have been spoken if we were gathered together. As things are, we can do nothing else. You are not limited by what we have done, please feel free to substitute needs and hopes of your own. You are entirely free to worship the Lord as He leads you. No one will be offended. May the Lord bless you as we come before Him.

The selected Bible readings and hymns, are by Helen Waterworth who is often the Service leader at the Glen Park Church.)

Introit. R596.

He is Lord, He is Lord! He is risen from the dead and He is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess, that Jesus Christ is Lord

Author/compiler unknown.

Eternal God, our heavenly Father, we come before you, scattered although we are, with the common purpose to bring you our praise and worship. We join our hearts and voices in common praise this morning. We from our diverse locations and background unite as brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, Your Son, in this our common need which we confess and are thankful that by your grace you have redeemed us to yourself through Him. All that we receive is due to Him and we acknowledge our eternal indebtedness. We thank you, our Father, for the dearly won redemption that we freely enjoy on this Resurrection Sunday. Amen

The call: **HE IS RISEN!** - Response - **He is risen, indeed.**

Our Father in Heaven we thank you that Jesus Christ is a risen living Saviour! Amen!

If you can, sing or else read aloud, or else hum and savour the words of these hymns as you work through it: All today's hymns are found in our Red or Blue Books - prefixed R or B. (We also use an update folder to these basic listings)

The Hymn R99

1. **Christ the Lord is risen today,** Al - le - Lu - ia!
Sons of men and angels say, Al - le - Lu - ia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Al - le - Lu - ia!
Sing, ye heavens and earth reply Al - le - Lu - ia!
2. Lives again our Glorious King; Al - le - Lu - ia!
Where, O death is now thy sting? Al - le - Lu - ia!
Dying once He all doth save: Al - le - Lu - ia!
Where's thy victory O grave? Al - le - Lu - ia!
3. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - Lu - ia!
Following our exalted head; Al - le - Lu - ia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise Al - le - Lu - ia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Al - le - Lu - ia!

Charles Wesley 1707 - 1788. In the Public Domain.

A Bible Reading. In your own Bible read, Luke 24: v1 - 12, 36 - 42 & 45 - 49.

The Hymn B177.

1. **Look ye saints the sight is glorious**, See the Man of sorrows now -
From the fight returned vic - tor - ious! Every knee to Him shall bow:
Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him!
Crowns become the Victor's brow.
2. Sinners in der - is - ion crowned Him, Mocking thus the Sav - iour's claim;
Saints and An - gels throng a - round Him, Own His ti - tle, praise His name.
Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him!
Spread a - broad the Vic - tors fame!
3. Hark! Those bursts of ac - cla - ma - tion! Hark those loud tri - um - phant chords!
Jes - us takes the high - est station: O what joy the sight affords!
Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him!
King of King and Lord of Lords!

Thomas Kelly 1769 - 1855. In the Public Domain.

Here are some announcements:

This order of service was compiled with the Resurrection of Jesus in mind by Helen Waterworth and last week's came from Doreen, my wife, (Some over seas folk will not know our relationships) a few days ago lost an uncle to the Covid 19 Virus. He was 93. He was a very friendly man and was the last of our older generation. Doreen came to Australia as a teenager and we have been back to England a few times over the years. He was always very glad to see us.

We are very pleased to welcome Laura Esterbrooks and Olga Bateman who are in New Brunswick, Canada, and also Janette Mannion of Watsonia to our email list. Welcome aboard.

Laurie Maskell works with Wycliffe Bible translators all week and all Easter has been working with Creation Ministries International on a series of informative videos concerning the Genesis record. They are well worth viewing. Locals will have Laurie's email and overseas people wanting to view the remaining presentations, please email me, leader@glenparkgospel.org.au, and I or Laurie will forward what you need. I won't put his details on line.

There has been a loss of water from the Church system, which is costly. There is no evidence of an in ground leak, so I will replace the aged toilet cisterns which sometimes jam. At \$200 this is cheaper than the excess water charge.

Jeanette Peterson has had some pre-cancer spots removed from her wrist?

At the time of writing Darrell's surgery had been rescheduled. Wendy is still in need of our sympathetic prayers.

Let us bring our problems. hopes, joys and fears to the Lord in Prayer:

And as stated before you are at liberty to add to or supplement this prayer to suit your personal wishes or circumstances.

Our Heavenly Father we come to you in Jesu's name and bring to you our points for prayer, and it is our desire that this time will not be a shopping list, but a time of

bonding between a loving and wise God and a family of trusting children.

Accordingly we take the opportunity to bring you our praise for all of your loving kindness. And we bring to you our people, our Church and our natural families.

We pray for our leaders , those in the church that they may be filled with your Spirit to lead the work you have called them to do. That they may watch over us in love and wisdom and not in self interest. We pray for our National , State and Local leaders that they may be given the gift of wisdomleadership, even those that do not have their trust firmly in you. We thank you for the PM and some of his cabinet who are not ashamed to seek you publicly and we Amen their prayers.

We pray for our own people. There are those who have real needs. Darrell and Wendy both need your healing touch, also Joan and Eirene, and others of us to a greater or lesser degree. We pray for Helen, Mary; Arthur and Jeanette, Laurie, Valmai and David, for Ann and her family, for Chris, Doreen, Philip and Eirene. Then there are our folk in care ; Georgina, June, Muriel Smith and Betty Eaton and Rae. Betty Eaton, her caring daughter Sue and Doug and family. We also remember today Laura Estabrooks and Olga Bateman and their respective families in New Brunswick, Canada who have joined with us from afar.

We remember the missionaries on our lists who have left home and family to serve your family in Australia and abroad. Under the current conditions at home we ask that their income will not diminish, the evangelistic opportunities will not fail, that their ability to communicate upwards and outwards will be rewarded. That their numbers will grow, that able bodied people will use this downturn period to explore Christian mission.

We pray for our outreach responsibilities, for the hopes we have to help provide facility for young mums and their bubs to give us a new avenue for ministry to young families, for the ministry in the schools, especially Eltham North which we see as a place of responsibility for us; also we ask for an outreach that will replace our Easter evangelistic ministry of 'Good Friday in the Park' for this year. We think of the many people who come to the event, and some who make it their annual churching.

We pray too for those who are shut in by the current medical scare that they will take heed for their spiritual welfare, as well as their physical limitations. We pray for those hospitalised and those bereaved by the virus that they will be comforted and their families drawn to you.

Dear Lord, when we look at this list it is too much for us to do. We are not getting any younger or stronger and we need your undertaking, undergirding strength. Dear Lord abide with, look upon us in grace. May you Holy Spirit empower and enable all that we put our hand to do. We wonder that so much responsibility descends upon so few, and we turn to you for help. Lord send us some extra reapers we pray. Give us wisdom. Give us grace and strength. Give us the determination to trust you to guide and bless the intent of our heart and the enabling of our hands, we pray,
in Jesus name, Amen.

Address:

He is Risen

by Laurie Maskell

(Next week D.V. to be by Darrell Reeve)

If Good Friday could be summed up as the climax of:

God lovingly sent,
Jesus willingly went.

How would we sum up the message of Easter Sunday?
Does "HE IS RISEN" suffice?

As I read the four post-resurrection accounts in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John I was struck by the number of times the disciples had trouble believing that it really was true, that Jesus was really alive.

I have transcribed from my Amplified Bible the four accounts, often into my own words in place of the selections presented there. I that you find it really helpful.

Try putting some parts into your own words. How would you capture the emotional impact of what appears to have been a totally unexpected, even traumatic event, despite all that Jesus had told them.

I watched an artist draw on a large paper before several hundred people. As he drew, we tried to guess what he was drawing. It seldom made sense at until, as his final stroke, he flipped the paper 90 degrees left or right or even upside down. Then only, the whole picture became clear.

The resurrection was like that final stroke of the artist for the disciples. They had followed Jesus around, for several years, yet had no clue. Only as they grappled with this unexpected, perplexing resurrection event that the true mission of Jesus became clear.

At this point you may select to read one, or more, or all these four Gospel presentations confirming the resurrection of Jesus.

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Matthew's Record:

Matthew 27:59. Joseph took the body of Jesus, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, hewn in the rock. Then he rolled a big boulder over the entrance to and went away. Mary of Magdala and the other Mary were sitting there, watching.

Matthew 28 After the Sabbath, near dawn on the first day of the week Mary of Magdala and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. There was a great earthquake for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came, rolled the boulder back and sat upon it. His appearance was like lightening and his garments as white as

snow. Those keeping guard seeing him were so frightened that they became like dead men. (Frozen with fear?) But the angel said to the women, "Do not be alarmed or frightened for I know that you are looking for Jesus Who was crucified. He is not here. He has risen just as He said. Come, see the place where He lay. Then go quickly and tell His Disciples, He has risen from the dead and He is going before you to Galilee. There you will see Him. I have told you."

So they left the tomb hastily, with fear and great joy and ran to tell the disciples. As they went, Jesus met them and greeted them. They went up to Him and clasping His feet worshipped Him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be alarmed or afraid. Go, tell My brethren to go into Galilee, and there they will see Me."

While they were on their way some of the guard went into the city and reported to the chief priests all that had happened. When the priests had gathered with the elders and had consulted together they gave a sufficient sum of money to the soldiers and said, "Tell the people that His disciples came at night and stole Him away while we were sleeping. If the governor hears of it, we will appease him and make you safe." So they took the money and did as they were instructed and this story has been current among the Jews ever since.

The eleven disciples went to Galilee to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw Him they fell down and worshipped Him, but some doubted. Jesus approached and, breaking the silence said to them, "All authority in Heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go then and make disciples of all the nations baptising them into the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Teach them to observe everything that I have commanded you and remember that I am with you always."

Mark's Record:

Mark 15:46 Joseph bought a fine linen cloth and taking Jesus down from the cross he wrapped the body in the cloth and placed Him in a tomb which had been hewn out of a rock. Then he rolled a very large stone against the opening of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus carefully observed where He was laid.

Mark 16 When the Sabbath was past Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Salome purchased sweet smelling spices to anoint the body of Jesus. Very early on the first day of the week as they went to the tomb, saying to each other, "Who will roll back the stone for us at the tomb?" The stone was very large. By the time that they arrived at the tomb the sun had risen sufficiently that when they looked up they saw that the stone was already rolled back. Going into the tomb they saw a young man sitting there on the right side clothed in a long stately robe of white. They were terrified. He said to them, "Do not be afraid. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth Who was crucified. He is risen. He is not here. See the place where they

laid Him. Go, tell the disciples and Peter, He goes before you into Galilee. You will see Him there, just as He told you.” The women fled from the tomb for bewilderment and consternation had seized them. And they said nothing about it to anyone for they were so afraid.

Jesus, having risen from death early on the first day of the week appeared first to Mary Magdalene from whom He had cast out seven demons. She went and reported it to those who had been with Him. They were grieving and weeping. When they heard that He was alive and that she had seen Him they did not believe it.

After this, He appeared in a different form to two of them as they were walking into the country. They returned to Jerusalem and told the others, but again, they did not believe them.

Afterward, He appeared to the eleven apostles as they reclined at table. He reproved them for their unbelief and hardness of heart for refusing to believe those who had seen Him after He had risen. He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach openly the good news to every person. He who trusts in the gospel and Him Whom it proclaims and is baptised will be saved from the penalty of death but he who does not believe will be condemned. These attesting signs will accompany those who believe: In My Name they will drive out demons, they will speak in new languages, they will pick up serpents, and even if they drink something poisonous it will not hurt them. They will lay their hands on the sick and they will get well.”

After He had spoken to them the Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven and He sat down at the right hand of God. They went out and preached everywhere while the Lord kept working with them and confirming the message by the attesting signs and miracles that closely accompanied it.

Luke's Record:

Luke 23:53 Joseph took down the body of Jesus, wrapped it in a linen cloth and laid Him in a tomb hewn from the rock where no body had been laid before.

Verse 55 The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed closely and saw the tomb and how His body was laid.

Luke 24 Early on the first day of the week the women went to the tomb, taking the spices which they had prepared and they found that the stone had been rolled back from the tomb but when they went inside they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed and wondering what to do about this two men in dazzling clothing suddenly stood beside them. The women were frightened and as they were bowing their faces to the ground the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among those who are dead? He is not here. He has risen. Remember, He told you while He was still in Galilee that the Son of man must be given over into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise

from death.” They remembered His words and having returned from the tomb they reported all these things to the eleven apostles and to all the others. It was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who reported these things to the apostles. But these reports seemed to the men to be nonsensical and they did not believe the women. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb and stooping down and looking in he saw the linen cloths alone by themselves and he went away wondering about what had happened.

That same day, two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus which is about seven miles from Jerusalem and they were talking with each other about all these things which had happened. While they were discussing together Jesus caught up with them and accompanied them but their eyes were held so that they did not recognise Him. He said to them, “What is this discussion that you are exchanging as you walk along?” They stood still looking very sad. Then one of them named Cleopas answered Him, “Are you the only one in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” He said to them, “What kind of things?” They answered Him, “About Jesus of Nazareth Who was a prophet mighty in work and word before God and all of the people and how our chief priests and rulers gave Him up to be sentenced to death and crucified Him. We were hoping that it was He Who would redeem Israel and set her free. Besides all this it is now the third day since these things occurred and some women of our company astounded us and drove us mad. They were at the tomb early in the morning but they did not find His body and they returned saying that they had even seen a vision of angels who said that He was alive. So some of us went to the tomb and they found it just as the women had said but Him they did not see.”

Jesus said to them, “O foolish ones, dull of perception and slow to believe and rely on everything that the prophets have spoken. Was it not necessary that the Christ, the Messiah, should suffer all of these things before entering into His majesty and splendor?” Then, beginning with Moses and through all of the prophets He went on explaining to them in all the Scriptures the things referring to Himself.

As they drew near to the village to which they were going He acted as if He would go further but they urged Him, saying, “Remain with us for the day is far spent and it is almost evening.” So He went in to stay with them and it occurred that as He reclined at table with them, He took a loaf of bread and praised God and gave thanks and asked a blessing, then broke it, and was giving it to them when their eyes were opened and they recognised Him; that He vanished.

They said to one another, “Were not our hearts greatly moved as He was talking with us on the road and explaining the Scriptures to us?” Rising up that very hour they went back to Jerusalem where they found the eleven apostles gathered together, and those who were with them, who said, “The Lord really is risen and has appeared to Simon Peter.” Then they related in full what had happened to them on the road and how He was recognised by them in the breaking of bread.

While they were talking about this Jesus Himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be to you." But they were so startled that they thought that they saw a spirit. He said to them, "Why are you so troubled? Why do such doubts arise in your hearts? See My hands and My feet, that it really is I, Myself. Touch Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. As they still found it hard to believe He said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave Him a piece of broiled fish and He took it and ate it before them.

Then He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you, that everything that is written of Me in the law of Moses and the prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then He thoroughly opened their minds to understand the scriptures and said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ the Messiah should suffer and on the third day rise from among the dead and that repentance as a condition of forgiveness should be preached in His Name to all nations beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. Listen: I will send you forth upon what My Father has promised, but remain in the city until you are clothed with power from on high." Then He conducted them out as far as Bethany and, lifting up His hands He invoked a blessing on them. While He was blessing them, He parted from them and was taken up into heaven. They, worshipping Him, went back into Jerusalem with great joy and were continually in the temple blessing and extolling God.

John's Record:

John 20. On the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early while it was still dark and saw that the stone had been lifted from across the entrance to the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciples whom Jesus tenderly loved and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb and we do not know where they have laid Him." Hearing this, Peter and the other disciple came out and they went toward the tomb. They came running together but the other disciple outran Peter and arriving at the tomb first he stooped down. He saw the linen clothes lying there but he did not enter. Then Simon Peter came, and, passing him went into the tomb and saw the linen clothes lying there. The burial cloth which had been around the head of Jesus was not lying with the other clothes but was still rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who reached the tomb first went in too, and he saw and believed. As yet they did not understand the statement from scripture that He must rise again from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their lodgings but Mary remained outside the tomb, sobbing. As she wept, she stooped down and looked into the tomb and she saw two angels in white sitting there, one at the head and one at the feet where the body of Jesus had lain. They said to her, "Woman, why are you sobbing?" She told them, "Because they have taken away my Lord and I do not know where they have laid Him." Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there but she did not recognise that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you crying? For whom are you looking?" Supposing that He was the gardener she replied, "Sir, if you carried Him from here tell me where you have put Him and I will take Him away."

Jesus said to her, "Mary!" Turning further she said to Him in Hebrew, Rabboni, which means teacher or master. Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me for I have not yet ascended to My Father and your Father, to My God and your God."

Mary Magdalene came away bringing the disciples news that she had seen the Lord and that He had said these things to her.

That same first day of the week when it was evening, although the disciples were behind closed doors for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace to you!" He showed them His hands and His side. When the disciples saw the Lord they were filled with excitement. Then Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you!" As the Father has sent Me forth, so I am sending you. Having said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Now, being lead by Him, if you forgive the sins of anyone they are forgiven. If you retain the sins of anyone, they are retained." But Thomas, one of the twelve, called the twin, was not with them when Jesus came, so, later, when the other disciples kept telling him, "We have seen the Lord," He said to them, "Unless I can see in His hands the mark made by the nails and put my finger into the nail-prints, and put my hand into His side I will never believe it."

Eight days later, His disciples were again in the house and Thomas was with them. Again Jesus came and although they were behind closed doors, He came and stood among them and said, "Peace to you!" Then He said to Thomas, "Reach out your finger and see My hands. Put out your hand and place it into My side. Do not be disbelieving." Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to Him, "Because you have seen Me, Thomas, do you now have faith? Blessed are those who have never seen Me and have trusted Me." There are also many other signs and miracles which Jesus performed in the presence of the disciples which are not written in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One, the Son of God and that through believing and trusting in Him you may have life through His Name.

After this, Jesus revealed Himself again to His disciples at the sea of Tiberias, and this is how He did it. There were together Simon Peter, Thomas called the twin, Nathanael from Cana of Galilee, also the sons of Zebedee and two other of His disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "And we are coming with you." So they went out, got into the boat and throughout that night they caught nothing. Morning was already breaking when Jesus came to the beach and stood there. The disciples did not know that it was Jesus. So Jesus called to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat with bread?" They answered Him, "No!" But He said to them, "Cast your net on the right side of the boat and you will find." So they cast the net, and now they were not able to haul it in for such a big quantity of fish were in it. Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" Hearing him say that it was the Lord, Simon Peter put on his outer garment (for he was stripped for work) and sprang into the sea. The other disciples came in the small boat dragging the net full of fish for they were only some hundred metres away from shore. When they got out of the boat they saw a small fire there with fish lying on it cooking, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish

which you have just caught.” So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net full with 153 large fish to the beach. Although there were so many the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” None of the disciples dared to ask Him, “Who are You?” They well knew that it was The Lord. Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, also the fish.

This was now the third time that Jesus revealed Himself to the disciples after He had risen from the dead. When they had eaten, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, Do you love Me (as one loves the Father) more than these?” Peter said to Him, “Yes, Lord, You know that I have a deep personal affection for You as for a close friend.” Jesus said to him, “Feed My lambs.” Again, He said to him a second time, “Simon, son of John, Do you love Me (as one loves the Father) more than these?” Peter said to Him, “Yes, Lord, You know that I have a deep personal affection for You as for a close friend.” Jesus said to him, “Feed My sheep.” He said to him the third time, Simon, son of John, “Do you love Me with a deep personal affection as for a close friend?” Peter was grieved that He should ask him the third time, ‘Do you love Me?’ He said to Him, “Lord, You know everything. You know that I have a deep personal affection for You as for a close friend.” Jesus said to Him, “Feed My sheep.” “Most solemnly I tell you, when you were young you put on your own belt and you walked about wherever you pleased to go. But when you grow old you will put out your hands and someone else will put a girdle around you and carry you where you do not wish to go.” He said this to indicate by what kind of death Peter would glorify God. After this, He said to him, “Follow Me!” But Peter had turned and, saw the disciple following whom Jesus loved, who also had leaned back upon His breast at the supper and said, Lord, who is it that is going to betray You? When Peter saw this man he said to Jesus, “Lord, what about this man?” Jesus said to him, “If I will have him stay until I come what concern is that to you?” It is this same disciple who is bearing witness to these things and who has written them. We well know that his testimony is true. There are also many other things which Jesus did. If they should all be recorded in detail one by one I suppose that even the world itself would not have room for all of the books that would be written.

Remember, HE IS RISEN, and He is with us ALL of the time.

May you be constantly aware of the presence of The Peace-Giving God. with you as you work through your day.

Hymn R106

At the Cross

1. Thine is the glory, Risen conquering Son;
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment, Rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave clothes, where Thy body lay.

Refrain:

Thine is the glory, Ris - en, con - quering Son,
End - less is the vic - tory Thou ore death hast won.

2. Lo! Je - sus meets us, Risen from the tomb,
Loving - ly He greets us, Scat - ters fear and gloom;
Let His church with glad - ness, Hymns of tri - umph sing,
For her Lord now liv - eth; Death has lost it's sting.
3. No more we doubt thee, Glo - rious Prince of Life!
Life is naught without Thee; Aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conquerors, Through Thy death - less love;
Bring us safe through Jor - dan To thy home a - bove.

Edmond Burdey 1854 - 1932: Translated- Richard Hoyle 1875 - 1939.

Benediction

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour
and glory for ever and ever, Amen.