

O God,  
help me to trust you,  
help me to know that you are with me,  
help me to believe that nothing can separate me  
from your love  
revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Keep a time of silence.*

*If you know it, you may like to sing 'Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.'*

### **CONCLUSION**

Lord, in these days of mercy,  
make us quiet and prayerful;  
in these days of challenge,  
make us stronger in you;  
in these days of emptiness,  
take possession of us;  
in these days of waiting,  
open our hearts to the mystery of your cross

*[Angela Ashwin]*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
He is risen indeed! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
who has given us new life and hope  
by raising Jesus from the dead.

In Christ we have been made children of God,  
who has brought us out of darkness  
and has made us light to the world.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

*Enjoy the chocolate and hang the sun catcher in a window. Enjoy the rest of this day of celebration as best you can. If you are able to go outside, do so and rejoice with all God's creation (giving due attention to social distancing etc.). Play some favourite music. 'Phone a friend or loved one and chat about anything except Coronavirus! Eat or drink something you really enjoy. Pray. Sing. Rejoice – Christ is risen indeed.*

## **THE FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION**

**Easter Sunday 2020**

*This service will begin at 10am on Easter Sunday. Do join in at that time, or thereabouts. If you have a candle to hand have that ready, together with a bible for the readings.*

### **OPENING**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,  
to you be glory and praise for ever.  
Your steadfast love extends to the heavens  
and your faithfulness never ceases.  
Illuminate our hearts with your wisdom  
and strengthen our lives with your word,  
for you are the fountain of life;  
in your light we see true light.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Blessed be God for ever.

### **THE RESURRECTION GOSPEL**

JOHN 20: 1 – 18

*We read the Resurrection Gospel in our own Bibles*

*If you have a candle, light it now.*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Christ yesterday and today,  
the beginning and the end,

Alpha and Omega,  
all time belongs to him, and all ages;  
to him be glory and power,  
through every age and for ever. Amen.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*If you are able to, open a window and declare to all of creation 'Alleluia, Christ is Risen!'. If you hear someone else say it, respond with 'He is risen indeed, Alleluia!'.*

## THE VOICE OF GOD

PSALM 118: 14 – 23

This is the day the LORD has made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good!

His faithful love endures forever.

*We read **Psalm 118: 14 – 23** in our own Bibles*

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good!

His faithful love endures forever.

This is the day the LORD has made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

ACTS 10: 34 – 43

*We read Peter's declaration of the Good News to the Gentiles in our own Bibles.*

## PRAYER

- *If you are able to, look out of a window and pray for the world and it's needs,*
- *Hold your bible and pray for the spread of the Gospel, the Good News of Jesus' resurrection,*
- *Find something that reminds you of St Bart's, eg. a copy of Sydenham Life, and pray for our Parish and community including all those affected by Caronavirus*
- *Pray for yourself; your needs, your fears and your hopes.*

## THE COLLECT

God of glory,  
by the raising of your Son  
you have broken the chains of death and hell:  
fill your Church with faith and hope;  
for a new day has dawned  
and the way of life stands open  
in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*We say the Lord's Prayer in whichever form is familiar to us.*

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

## HOLY COMMUNION

*At around 10:30 Jim will consecrate bread & wine and receive them himself on behalf of the whole Parish.*

*We are all invited to participate in 'Spiritual Communion' using the following:*

Jesus said, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'  
*[John 6:35]*

*In a moment of silence give thanks to God for Jesus' death and resurrection. Thank God for Holy Communion, for the Parish and people of St Bartholomew's and our fellowship together. Thank God that even while separated, we can be united in prayer and, though we cannot be in church, Jesus is with us. Ask Jesus to be with you now.*

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
for all the benefits you have given me,  
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.  
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,  
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.  
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,  
may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly,  
and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen

*[after the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester]*