Easter 3 Service

Welcome:

‘I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord. ‘Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.’ Jeremiah 29:11

Grace, mercy and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

**And also with you**

Alleluia, Christ is risen

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Opening hymn: Jesus is Lord

Jesus is Lord! Creation’s voice proclaims it

For by His power, each tree and flower

Was planned and made.

Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it

Sun, moon and stars in heaven cry:

‘Jesus is Lord!’

*Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!*

*Praise Him with hallelujahs,*

*for Jesus is Lord!*

Jesus is Lord! Yet from His throne eternal

In flesh He came to die in pain

On Calvary’s tree.

Jesus is Lord! From Him all life proceeding,

Yet gave His life a ransom

Thus setting us free.

*Chorus*

Jesus is Lord! O’er sin the mighty conqueror,

From death He rose and all His foes

Shall own His name.

Jesus is Lord! God sends His Holy Spirit

To show by works of power that

Jesus is Lord!

*Chorus*

Confession:

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ. As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith, we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

**Almighty God, or heavenly Father,**

**We have sinned against you**

**And against our neighbour**

**In thought and word and deed,**

**Through negligence, though 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

Bring us back to himself,

Forgive us our sins,

And assure us of his eternal love

In Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Reading: Luke 24:13-32

Part of God’s Plan:

Chorus: All heaven declares

All heaven declares the glory of the risen Lord;

Who can compare with the beauty of the Lord?

For ever He will be the Lamb upon the throne;

I gladly bow the knee, and worship Him alone.

I will proclaim the glory of the risen Lord,

Who once was slain to reconcile man to God.

For ever You will be the Lamb upon the throne;

I gladly bow the knee and worship You alone.

Address:

Prayers:

Almighty Father,

Who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples

With the sight of the risen Lord:

Give us such knowledge of his presence with us,

That we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life

And serve you continually in righteousness and truth,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, we praise you for your mercy,

for you have fulfilled a plan for our salvation

through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and

by your grace you have revealed it to us in your word:

Help us to trust you and to search the scriptures

That we might walk in your purposes

And receive the life you have promised us in Jesus.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you taught us to love our neighbour,  
and to care for those in need  
as if we were caring for you.  
In this time of anxiety, give us strength  
to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick,  
and to assure the isolated  
of our love, and your love.  
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God,  
give skill, sympathy and resilience  
to all who are caring for the sick,  
and your wisdom to those searching for a cure.  
Strengthen them with your Spirit,  
that through their work many will be restored to health;  
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father,

We pray for our schools and teachers,

Our pastoral support and volunteer groups

And all those serving our local communities:

Watch over them and be gracious to them,

Keep them from harm and strengthen them in service

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God,  
we entrust to your tender care  
those who are ill or in pain,  
knowing that whenever danger threatens  
your everlasting arms are there to hold them safe.  
Comfort and heal them,  
and restore them to health and strength;  
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Risen Lord,

We pray for all those who are unable to visit loved ones

In hospital, hospice or care settings, and

We remember all those grieving the loss of loved ones:

Comfort and uphold them in your love,

grant them faith to trust in your purposes,

and hope to sustain them through this time of trial.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us**

**And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil**

**For thine is the kingdom the power and the glory**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

Closing Hymn: Praise my soul

Praise my soul the King of heaven

To His feet thy tribute bring

Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,

Who like thee His praise should sing?

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favour

To our fathers, in distress;

Praise Him still the same for ever,

Slow to chide and swift to bless.

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like He tends and spares us;

Well our feeble frame He knows;

In His hands He gently bears us,

Rescues us from all our foes.

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Widely as His mercy flows.

Angels help us to adore Him;

Ye behold Him face to ace;

Sun and moon bow down before Him;

Dwellers all in time and space.

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Praise with us the God of grace.

Blessing:

The Lord bless you and watch over you,

The Lord make his face shine upon you

and be gracious to you,

The Lord look kindly on you and give you peace;

and the blessing of God Almighty,

the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,

be with you and remain with you,

this day and for ever more. **Amen.**