

PRAYER IN THE HOME

EASTER 2: SUNDAY 19 APRIL

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GATHERING

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Let us light a candle to remember that God is with us.

Jesus, speak to us:
And remind us of your great mercy.

Holy Spirit, come to us:
And bring us to new birth.

Father, receive our prayers:
And fill us with living hope.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COLLECT for Easter 2

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked,
no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.

PSALM 16

- 1 Preserve me, O God, for in you have I taken refuge;
I have said to the Lord, 'You are my lord,
all my good depends on you.'
- 2 **All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble in heart.**
- 3 Though the idols are legion that many run after,
their drink offerings of blood I will not offer,
neither make mention of their names upon my lips.
- 4 **The Lord himself is my portion and my cup;
in your hands alone is my fortune.**
- 5 My share has fallen in a fair land;
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 6 **I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel,
and in the night watches he instructs my heart.**
- 7 I have set the Lord always before me;
he is at my right hand; I shall not fall.
- 8 **Wherefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices;
my flesh also shall rest secure.**
- 9 For you will not abandon my soul to Death,
nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.
- 10 **You will show me the path of life;
in your presence is the fullness of joy
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

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BIBLE READING 1 Peter 1.3-9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials,⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed.

⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy,⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

SERMON Rev Ann Brodie: <https://stbcc.co.uk/sunday-worship>

INTERCESSIONS & CLOSING PRAYER

Let us pray to God,
who alone makes us dwell in safety:

For all who are affected by coronavirus,
through illness or isolation or anxiety,
that they may find relief and recovery:

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who are guiding our nation at this time and
shaping national policies, that they may make wise decisions:

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

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For doctors, nurses and medical researchers,
that through their skill and insights
many will be restored to health:

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the vulnerable and the fearful,
for the gravely ill and the dying,
that they may know your comfort and peace:

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,
to the mercy and protection of God.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Trusting in the compassion of God,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

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.

The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself,
the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service,
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts. **Amen**