

PRAYER IN THE HOME

EASTER 3: SUNDAY 26 APRIL

PLUS: EVENING ZOOM MEET UP 7.30PM 26 APRIL
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INTROIT See the website: <https://stbcc.co.uk/sunday-worship>

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 3

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

PSALM 116.1-10

- ¹ I love the Lord, because he has heard
my voice and my supplications.
- ² **Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**
- ³ The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.
- ⁴ **Then I called on the name of the Lord:
'O Lord, I pray, save my life!'**
- ⁵ Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;
our God is merciful.
- ⁶ **The Lord protects the simple;
when I was brought low, he saved me.**
- ⁷ Return, O my soul, to your rest,
for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.
- ⁸ **For you have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears,
my feet from stumbling.**
- ⁹ I walk before the Lord
in the land of the living.
- ¹⁰ **I kept my faith, even when I said,
'I am greatly afflicted'.**

BIBLE READING 1 Peter 1.17-23

17 If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. 18 You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. 20 He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. 21 Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

22 Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. 23 You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

SERMON [+Richard Cheetham, Bishop of Kingston](#): [video]
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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.

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.**

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.