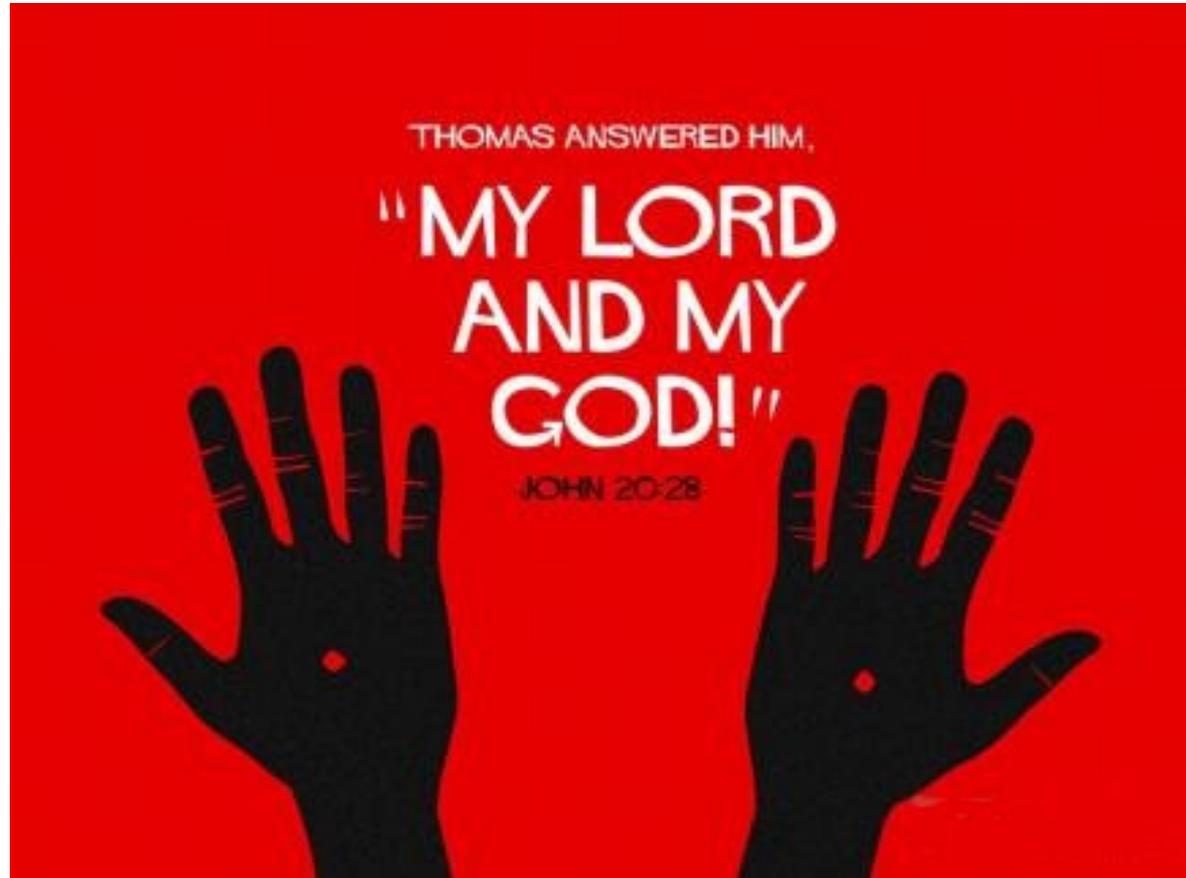




# 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER





## ***WE COME TO GOD IN PRAYER***

*Christ has trampled down death by  
his death. Alleluia!*

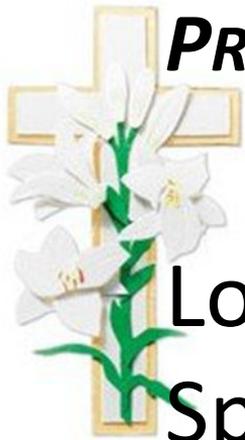
**And to us he has given eternal life.  
Alleluia!**



*Glory to the Father and the Son  
and the Holy Spirit*

**As it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever**

**Amen**



## ***PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT***

Lord Jesus, as you breathed your Holy Spirit upon the disciples on the night on which you rose, breathe the Holy Spirit over us now that we may truly know the joy of your resurrection and the pronouncement of your peace.

In your name we pray.

Amen.



- 1. Crown him with many crowns,  
The Lamb upon the throne;  
Hark! How the heavenly anthem  
drowns  
All music but its own:  
Awake my soul and sing  
Of him who died for me,  
And hail him as your chosen king  
Through all eternity.**



- 3. Crown him the Lord of love;  
Behold his hands and side,  
Those wounds yet visible above  
In beauty glorified:  
No angel there on high  
Can fully bear that sight,  
But downwards bend a burning  
eye  
At mysteries so bright.**



**4. Crown him the Lord of life,  
Who triumphed o'er the grave,  
And rose victorious in the strife  
For those he came to save:  
His glories now we sing  
Who died, and rose on high;  
Who died eternal life to bring,  
And lives that death may die.**



**6. Crown him the Lord of years,  
The Potentate of time,  
Creator of the rolling spheres,  
Majestic and sublime:  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
For you have died for me;  
Your praise shall never, never fail  
Throughout eternity.**

Matthew Bridges 1800-1894 and  
Godfrey Thring 1823 – 1903 *alt.*

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## ***WE PRAY PSALM 16***

*Keep me safe, my God, for in you I take refuge.*

*I say to the Lord, 'You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing'.  
I say of the godly people who are in the land, 'They are the noble people in whom is all my delight'.*

**Let us celebrate the festival with sincerity and truth.**



*I will praise the Lord, who counsels  
me; even at night my heart  
instructs me.*

*I keep my eyes always on the Lord.  
With him at my right hand,  
I will not be shaken.*

**Let us celebrate the festival with  
sincerity and truth.**



*Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay. You will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasure at your right hand.*

**Let us celebrate the festival with sincerity and truth.**



## ***GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD***

*Give us the victory through our Lord  
Jesus Christ.*

**Your word is a lamp to my feet and  
a light for my path.**

**The readings follow.**

**The first two readings have a supporting audio file read by Mel Bishop that will commence at the first slide of the first reading. Click on the speaker icon if they do not automatically start.**

**The Gospel is read by Pastor Matt in a video that also includes the sermon. Slides for the Gospel reading are included in case you can't activate the video. Skip them if you want to go to the video reading.**



**ACTS 2:14A,22-32**

**- PETER GIVES WITNESS THAT GOD RAISED JESUS**

**AUDIO READING STARTS AFTER IT DOWNLOADS IN AROUND 15 SECONDS OR SO.**

*Peter Addresses the Crowd*

**14Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:**



**22" Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know.**



**23 This man was handed over to you by God's set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross.**

**24 But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.**



**25 David said about him: " 'I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.**

**26 Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will live in hope, 27 because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay.**



**28**You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.'

**29**"Brothers, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day.



**30 But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne.**

**31 Seeing what was ahead, he spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to the grave, nor did his body see decay.**



**32 God has raised this Jesus to life,  
and we are all witnesses of the fact.**

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God**



**1 PETER 1:3-9**

**- NEW BIRTH THROUGH THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST**

*Praise to God for a Living Hope*

**<sup>3</sup>Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,**



**<sup>4</sup>and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.**



**<sup>6</sup>In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.**

**<sup>7</sup>These have come so that your faith —of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire —may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed.**



**<sup>8</sup>Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup>for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.**

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God**

***Next: Embedded video of Gospel reading from  
John 20:19-31 and sermon on  
John 20:19-23 by Pastor Matt.***

**OR access through the YouTube link at: [https://  
youtu.be/2eCjPhYSS3M](https://youtu.be/2eCjPhYSS3M)**

***Slides for Gospel readings then follow in case you  
cannot get the videos or links to work (flick  
through these if not needed).***

Click picture to commence video of Gospel reading and sermon





*Jesus Appears to His Disciples*

**19**On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"



**20**After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

**21**Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."



**22And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.**

**23If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."**



## *Jesus Appears to Thomas*

**24** Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came.

**25** So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it."



**26 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"**



**27**Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

**28**Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"



**29**Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

**30**Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book.



**31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.**

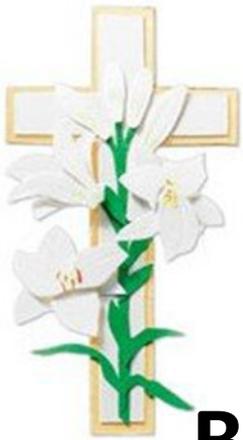
*This is the gospel of the Lord*

**Praise be to you, O Christ**



**Confession of sins and hearing of Jesus  
promise of forgiveness**

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***WE CONFESS OUR SINS AND ASK CHRIST TO FORGIVE US***

**Blessed Saviour, most holy Redeemer.**

**You know I am unworthy of your grace.**

**My sins have forced me from your  
presence and peace.**

**My loose commitment and idolatry has  
sickened you.**



**My guilt has rightly made your judgment  
hard and my punishment everlasting.**

**But by your holy wounds,**

**your sacred blood,**

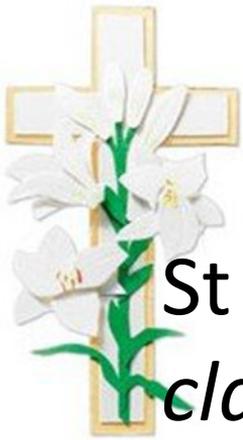
**your perfect obedience to the Father,**

**cancel my guilt and remove my sins,**

**my faithful and forgiving Redeemer.**

**Amen**

## ***HEAR THE WORD OF CHRIST'S FORGIVENESS***



St John reminds us in his first letter: *“If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”* (1 John 1:8–9, NIV)

Therefore let it be done for you as you desire and go in the joy of God’s forgiveness, earned by Jesus his Son.+  
Peace be with you. Amen.

*LH 764 – NOW THE GREEN BLADE RISES*



- 1. Now the green blade rises from  
the buried grain,  
Wheat down in the dark earth  
many days has lain;  
Love lives again, that with the  
dead has been:  
Love has come again, like wheat  
that springs up green.**



- 2. In the grave they laid him,  
Love whom men had slain,  
Thinking that never he would  
wake again;  
Laid in the earth like grain that  
sleeps unseen:  
Love has come again, like wheat  
that springs up green.**



**3. Up he sprang at Easter, like the  
risen grain,  
He who for three days in the  
grave lain;  
Raised from the dead my living  
Lord is seen:  
Love has come again, like wheat  
that springs up green.**



**4. When our hearts are wintry,  
grieving or in pain,  
Your touch can call us back to  
life again -  
Fields of our hearts that dead  
and bare have been:  
Love has come again, like  
wheat that springs up green.**

John M C Crum 1872-1958. alt.

**(An extra verse of the musical accompaniment is included  
to aid reflection)**



*WE CONFESS OUR FAITH IN THE WORDS OF THE APOSTLES' CREED*

**I believe in God, the Father  
almighty, maker of heaven and  
earth.**



**And in Jesus Christ, his only Son,  
our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy  
Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.**



**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty,**

**from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.**



**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic\* church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

catholic means universal\*

## ***OFFERING PRAYER***



**Ever-living God,**

**let the resurrection of your Son fill us  
with hope and joy.**

**May our lives and our gifts help to bring  
your new life to others.**

**Amen.**



***WE PRAY FOR OURSELVES AND THE WORLD***

*Lord, have mercy.*

**Christ, have mercy.**

*Lord, have mercy.*



*Christ, our Passover Lamb, thank you  
for taking away the sin of the world.*

**Lord Jesus, have mercy on us.**



*Risen Lord, thank you for bringing  
eternal life by your resurrection.*

**Lord Jesus, have mercy on us.**



*By your glorious resurrection,  
by your victory over death,  
by the glory of your risen body:*

**Lord Jesus, have mercy on us.**



*Continue breathing your Holy Spirit  
upon us, just as you did over your  
disciples the night you rose:*

**Lord Jesus, have mercy on us.**



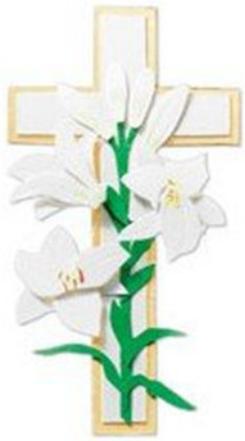
*Give your peace, wholeness,  
wellness and deliverance for all of  
us, not least those racked with  
doubt and lacking purpose:*

**Lord Jesus, have mercy on us.**



*Guide us to trust in your for all things during these times that are different for us all and difficult for many:*

**Lord Jesus, have mercy on us.**



*Lead the rich nations of the world  
to help all countries struggling to  
feed and care for their  
populations during this time of  
lockdown and distancing:*

**Lord Jesus, have mercy on us.**



*Raise us up to new life.*

*Guide us by your light.*

*Teach us to live in your love.*

*Set our desires on heavenly things.*

*Take us to live you forever.*

**Lord Jesus, have mercy on us.**



*(PERSONAL PRAYERS MAY FOLLOW)*

**Lord Jesus, have mercy on us.**



*Everliving God, thank you that you have overcome the old powers of sin and death through the mighty resurrection of your Son, and have made all things new in him.*

*Make us dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ.*

*For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**Amen**



***WE PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER***

**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  
forever.**

**Amen.**



## ***GOD BLESSES US***

*May God the Father, who has given us new life through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, fill us with a living hope.*

*And the blessing of almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with us always.*

**Amen**

**LHS 761 – CHRIST IS ALIVE**

*(SUNG TO THE TUNE OF LHS 103 I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES)*



- 1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
His cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises  
ring.  
His love in death shall never die.**



**2. Christ is alive! No longer bound  
to distant years in Palestine,  
he comes to claim the here and  
now  
and conquer every place and time.**



**3. Not throned above, remotely high,  
untouched, unmoved by human  
pains,  
but daily, in the midst of life,  
our Saviour with the Father reigns.**



**4. In every insult, rift, and war,  
where colour, scorn, or wealth divide,  
he suffers still, yet loves the more,  
and lives, though ever crucified.**



**5. Christ is alive! His spirit burns through this and every future age, till all creation lives and learns his joy, his justice, love and praise.**



## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

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Next weekend Pastor Matt preaching at Rockingham-Mandurah Lutheran Church. Live-stream link will be provided instead of slides.



## ***OFFERINGS***

You might be wondering how you can make your offering to the Lord when we are not meeting publicly. Our Treasurer, Mr Keith Kowald, recommends that in the first instance you consider Regular Electronic Giving (REG).

Please contact Keith on [keithkowald@bigpond.com](mailto:keithkowald@bigpond.com) or 0407 885 372 to hear about REG or other options.