**Sunday 4th May 2025 3rd Sunday of Easter**

**Come let us join our cheerful songs** **Hymn 332**

**Preparing** **to hear God's word from John 21:1-19**

Let us hear the word of the Lord.  
**So may the light of your presence shine into our hearts.**

A Reading from John Chapter 21 beginning to read at verse 1:  
Afterwards Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. ‘I’m going out to fish,’ Simon Peter told them, and they said, ‘We’ll go with you.’ So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. He called out to them, ‘Friends, haven’t you any fish?’ ‘No,’ they answered. He said, ‘Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.’ When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish. Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, ‘It is the Lord!’ As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, ‘It is the Lord,’ he wrapped his outer garment round him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred metres. When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread. Jesus said to them, ‘Bring some of the fish you have just caught.’ So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, ‘Come and have breakfast.’ None of the disciples dared ask him, ‘Who are you?’ They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?’ ‘Yes, Lord,’ he said, ‘you know that I love you.’ Jesus said, ‘Feed my lambs.’ Again Jesus said, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ He answered, ‘Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.’ Jesus said, ‘Take care of my sheep.’ The third time he said to him, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, ‘Do you love me?’ He said, ‘Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said, ‘Feed my sheep. Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.’ Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, ‘Follow me!’

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

**Children's Spot**

**Be still and know** **Hymn 608**

**Sunday Club Begins**

**Psalm 30 adapted** **we stand to say**

I will exalt you, O Lord, **because you have raised me up**  
**and have not let my foes triumph over me.**

2 O Lord my God, I cried out to you **and you have healed me.**

3 You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead;  
**you restored me to life from among those that go down to the Pit.**

4 Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; **give thanks to his holy name.**  
5 For his wrath endures but a moment **his favour lasts for a lifetime.**

Heaviness may endure for a night, **but joy comes in the morning.**  
10 ‘Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; **O Lord, be my helper.’**

11 You have turned my mourning into dancing;  
**you have put off my sackcloth** **and girded me with gladness;**

12 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;  
**O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**Revelation 5:11-14** **please be seated**

A Reading from Revelation Chapter 5 beginning to read at verse 11:  
Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they were saying: ‘Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and praise!’ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying: ‘To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honour and glory and power, for ever and ever!’ The four living creatures said, ‘Amen’, and the elders fell down and worshipped.

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**My Jesus, I love thee** **Thanks & Praise 101**

1 My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;  
for thee all the pleasures of sin I resign;   
my gracious Redeemer, my Saviour art thou;  
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

2 I love thee because thou hast first lovèd me  
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;   
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;  
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

3 I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death,  
and praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath,   
and say when the death-dew lies cold on my brow:  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

4 In mansions of glory and endless delight,  
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;   
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

**The Sermon**

**Keith Shaw**

**Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God**

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,  
Breathe new life into my willing soul.  
Bring the presence of the risen Lord  
To renew my heart and make me whole.   
Cause Your Word to come alive in me;  
Give me faith for what I cannot see;  
Give me passion for Your purity.  
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within;  
May Your joy be seen in all I do—  
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin  
In each thought and deed and attitude,   
Kindness to the greatest & the least,  
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.  
Turn my striving into works of grace.  
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,  
Giving life to all that God has made,  
Show your power once again on earth;  
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.   
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise.  
Lead us on the road of sacrifice  
That in unity the face of Christ  
Will be clear for all the world to see.

Keith and Krystin Getty

**Declaring Faith** **affirming our belief**

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
who made the world? **I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ,  
who redeemed mankind? **I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God? **I believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church. **This is our faith.**  
**We believe and trust in One God,** **Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

**Praying Together**

**There is a higher throne** **Thanks & Praise 150**

There is a higher throne than all this world has known,  
Where faithful ones from ev’ry tongue will one day come.  
Before the Son we’ll stand, made faultless through the Lamb;  
Believing hearts find promised grace; salvation comes.

*Hear heaven’s voices sing; their thund’rous anthem rings.  
Through em’rald courts and sapphire skies their praises rise.*  
*All glory, wisdom, pow’r, strength, thanks, and honour are  
to God our King who reigns on high forevermore.*

**2** And there we’ll find our home, our life before the throne.  
We’ll honour him in perfect song where we belong.  
He’ll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.  
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd-King; we’ll reign with him.

**Dismissal** Let us say together:

**Be with us Lord,** **as we go out into the world.**  
**May the lips that have sung your praise   
always speak the truth;  
may the ears which have heard your Word  
listen only to what is good**  
**and may our lives, as well as our worship,  
be always pleasing in your sight,  
for the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**