

# Together in the Spirit

## St Mark's worship for 29<sup>th</sup> March 2020 5th Sunday in Lent

Red letters like this are instructions and hints on how to use the service order.

If you are printing this service, this file is laid out in A4 paper size but you could change the font sizes to suit you or print it "2 pages per sheet" or "as a booklet" if your printer does that.

You can follow this order through for yourself individually. If a few people are gathered you can ask one to lead (or share it among you) and everyone joins in the congregation's parts.

### Opening Responses— Rom 8:11 (TEV)

If the Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from death, lives in you,

**then he who raised Christ from death**

will also give life to your mortal bodies

**by the presence of his Spirit in you.**

### Hymn/Song

A choice of hymn and/or song is given here.

### Hymn: O Spirit of life (2 options)

There are two options for this song. Pick the one that suits you.

O heiliger Geist, o heiliger Gott  
asc. Johannes Niedling (1602-1668)  
Tr. John Caspar Mattes, 1913

Option 1 (has music and vocals but is shorter - You can listen at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RmXTvg9OK3I>)

**1 O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God,  
In every need Thou bringest aid.  
Thou comest forth from God's great throne,  
From God the Father and the Son,  
O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God.**

**3 O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God,  
Increase our faith in our dear Lord.  
Unless Thy grace the power should give,  
None can believe in Christ and live,  
O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God.**

Option 2 (music only, no vocals. You can listen at <https://www.smallchurchmusic.com/MP3/MP3-OSpiritOfLife-Geist-PipeLC-128-CAM.mp3> - it is short one verse but you should be in fine voice by then – or start it again.

**1 O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God,  
In every need Thou bringest aid.  
Thou comest forth from heaven's high throne,  
From God the Father and the Son,  
O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God.**

**2 O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God,  
Make us to love Thy Sacred Word.  
Thy holy flame of love impart,  
That love for all may fill each heart,  
O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God.**

**3 O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God,  
Increase our faith in our dear Lord.  
Unless Thy grace the power should give,  
None can believe in Christ and live,  
O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God.**

**4 O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God,  
Enlighten us by Thy blest Word.  
To us the heavenly Father show,  
And teach us His dear Son to know,  
O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God.**

**5 O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God,  
By Thee our souls to heaven are led.  
Make us to fight with valour here,  
And reign with Thee in glory there,  
O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God.**

**6 O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God,  
Forsake us not in need or death.  
We honour Thee and sing Thy praise  
With thanks unceasing all our days,  
O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God.**

## **Song: In Christ Alone**

CCLI Song # 3350395  
Keith Getty | Stuart Townend  
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You can listen and follow along at  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ouGuG97I2RY>

### **Verse 1**

**In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My Comforter my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand**

### **Verse 2**

**In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live**

### **Verse 3**

**There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ**

### **Verse 4**

**No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand**

## Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord;  
Lord, hear my voice.  
Let your ears be attentive  
to my cry for mercy.

**With the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.**

If you, Lord, kept a record of sins,  
Lord, who could stand?  
But with you there is forgiveness,  
so that we can, with reverence, serve you.

**With the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.**

I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits,  
and in his word I put my hope.  
I wait for the Lord  
more than watchmen wait for the morning,  
more than watchmen wait for the morning.

**With the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.**

Israel, put your hope in the Lord,  
for with the Lord is unfailing love  
and with him is full redemption.  
He himself will redeem Israel  
from all their sins.

**With the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.**

## Apostles' Creed

As God's people through our baptism into Christ, let us confess our faith.

**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 Christian church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

## Prayer of the Day (Collect)

The Lord be with you.

### **And also with you.**

Jesus our Saviour,  
thank you for coming to give us life  
through your suffering and death.  
Keep us following you  
wherever you lead us,  
because we know that you have promised  
to take us home to God.  
For you live and reign  
with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Readings

The main preaching text for the day is the Gospel reading.

You can find all the lectionary readings in your own Bible at home or at <https://www.biblegateway.com/reading-plans/revised-common-lectionary-complementary/2020/03/29?version=NABRE>

**First Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14** Vision of the valley of dry bones

**Second Reading: Romans 8:6-11** The Spirit of God lives in you

**Gospel: John 11:1-45** The raising of Lazarus- Jesus' last sign

## Sermon

Go to St Mark's website <https://www.stmarksmtgravatt.org.au/> to find the link to the sermon for the day.

## Hymn/Song

A choice of hymn and/or song is given here.

### Hymn: Jesus Thy blood and righteousness

Christi Blut und Gerechtigkeit  
Nikolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf (1700-1760)  
Tr. John Wesley, 1740, alt.

You can listen and follow along  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9hdOeKznqN4>

**Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness  
My beauty are, my glorious dress;  
'Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,  
With joy shall I lift up my head.**

**Bold shall I stand in Thy great day;  
For who aught to my charge shall lay?  
Fully absolved through these I am  
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.**

**When from the dust of death I rise  
To claim my mansion in the skies,  
Ev'n then this shall be all my plea,  
Jesus hath lived, hath died, for me.**

**Jesus, the endless praise to Thee,  
Whose boundless mercy hath for me—  
For me a full atonement made,  
An everlasting ransom paid.**

**O let the dead now hear Thy voice;  
Now bid Thy banished ones rejoice;  
Their beauty this, their glorious dress,  
Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness.**

## Song: More than Conquerors

CCLI Song # 7014648

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([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2p8\\_4NbrckA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2p8_4NbrckA))

### Verse 1

**When my hope and strength is gone  
You're the One who calls me on  
You are the life  
You are the fight that's in my soul**

### Verse 2

**Oh Your resurrection pow'r  
Burns like fire in my heart  
When waters rise  
I lift my eyes up to Your throne**

### Chorus

**We are more than conquerors through Christ  
You have overcome this world this life  
We will not bow to sin or to shame  
We are defiant in Your name  
You are the fire that cannot be tamed  
You are the power in our veins  
Our Lord our God our conqueror**

### Verse 3

**I will sing into the night  
Christ is risen and on high  
Greater is He  
Living in me than in the world**

## **Verse 4**

**No surrender no retreat  
We are free and we're redeemed  
We will declare  
Over despair You are the hope**

## **Bridge**

**Nothing is impossible  
Ev'ry chain is breakable  
With You we are victorious  
You are stronger than our hearts  
You are greater than the dark  
With You we are victorious**

## Offering

Please consider how you might support the work of the church at his time by electronic transfer, joining REG, or putting aside your offering and delivering it to the church office. We dedicate the offerings people have decided on with this prayer:

Thank you, eternal God,  
for giving us new life.  
Help us to live according to your Spirit,  
and willingly serve you  
and our fellow human beings,  
with all that we are and all that we have.  
Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

Use the following prayers (there is space for your own prayers below) or pray yourselves {remember that we pray for the Church, the world and all in need, not just for ourselves} .

We were dead in our sins, but the word of God entered into our tomb and called us out into new life. Let us pray to the Father, knowing that he listens to us.

Dear Father in Heaven: thank you for the gift of new life that you have given to us through the waters of our baptism. Help us, as your baptised people to daily die to sin and rise to new life with Christ in the power of the Spirit.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

We pray for all those who are mourning the death of a loved one. Comfort them in the knowledge that Jesus has won a victory over death, so that everyone who dies in Christ may have eternal life. Keep us from fearing death, but at times of doubt, help us put our faith in Jesus.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

We pray for hospices and for people who work with the dying. Keep them strong, and give them peace to do their difficult work with dignity and sensitivity. We pray for all those people who work with alcoholics and drug addicts. Use them to make a difference to people's lives, and to help them start their life anew.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

As we move close to Easter, help us to live as Easter people who face death in the certain hope of resurrection. Remind us and comfort us everyday with your promise that we will be raised up together with all who have died in the faith of Christ.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

(other petitions may be inserted here – please pray for our church and its life in this time, as well as our community and those who are vulnerable or are hard hit by the COVID-19 crisis)

Heavenly Father, through the death and resurrection of your Son, you rescue us from death and the grave. Restore us to life, so that we may serve you in the world; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

Finally, let us pray for all those things which our Lord would have us ask, saying:

**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.**

## Blessing

Go in peace. God, who raised Christ from death, will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

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You might also like to view our Church-wide Bishop's message to the church at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QmuOsT5EEcg&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QmuOsT5EEcg&feature=emb_logo)

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