

**Bangor & Holyhead Methodist Circuit  
Sunday Worship Sheet 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**Our worship for this week was written by Paul Eckersley. You may wish to have your Bible to hand. Please note the hymns are now at the back of the sheet for ease of printing. CCLI licence 5562**

**Call to Worship**

**Psalm 4**

**Hymn 526(StF) Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy**

**Prayer of Adoration**

Heavenly Father, we worship and adore you. You are the King who has risen from the dead. Let us remember that it is you and you alone that we worship help to focus on you and through your Holy Spirit let us commune with you in this act of worship.

**Amen**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

We thank you for all the good gifts around us, we thank you for your creation. Help us to be better stewards of this world. Show how we can save this planet from unwanted disaster and help us to be more thankful of the world that we live in.

**Amen**

**Prayer of Forgiveness**

You came to save us risen Lord; we are grateful that you did. Yet we sometimes fail to meet up to the way you want us to be, in our word, deeds and thoughts. Forgive us Father and show us how to live a better way.

Amen

**The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name.  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done.  
on earth as on heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins.  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial.  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen

## **Hymn 338(StF) There is a redeemer.**

### **Reading Luke 24:36-48**

#### **Reflection**

Today's Bible passage concerns the bodily resurrection of Jesus. Jesus ate fish and showed his wounds to the disciples. It was the same body that had been crucified and buried but it had been changed. It could appear and disappear at will. It was no longer subject to death.

Not a hallucination. A hallucination does not have flesh and blood and eat fish!

Not wishful thinking, "His spirit lives on with us". His disciples did not think in this way and were not expecting to see Jesus. They were startled, the Greek literally means to fall away from.

Luke records the witness to the resurrection.

First, he refers to the disciples as "witnesses", verse 48. They were the first of many, over 500 are mentioned in Paul's letter to the Corinthians. Five hundred witnesses, many of whom were still alive when Paul wrote that letter.

Paul himself describes himself as a witness. He was a hostile witness having persecuted the church until he met the risen Lord Jesus on the Road to Damascus.

The Roman and Jewish authorities always admitted that the tomb was empty, although they tried to cover up what happened.

The frightened disciples of Jesus were locked up, hiding from the authorities who had killed their leader. In a few weeks' time they would be telling those same authorities who had crucified Jesus and that he had risen. Why would they do this? Two reasons. Firstly, it was true. Secondly, they were empowered by the Holy Spirit that Jesus promised to his followers. 49 "I am going to send you what my father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Jesus also mentioned the Scriptures as a witness to what had happened. We, too have the witness of the scriptures to tell us about Jesus.

There are other things that we can use to prove that Jesus has risen and is alive including the way that he has affected lives for the last 2,000 years, including people who are in this church today.

I have seen many James Bond films. I can remember little about them other than there being lots of action and the theme tune! I don't think it is important. What is important is how we respond to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Overwhelming evidence is there to support the bodily resurrection of Jesus. This justifies his claims to be God and

man, to have conquered death and to open the way back to God. Jesus offers friendship with God, forgiveness of all that we have done wrong and a new power to live.

Ask yourself a question; "What difference does this make to my life today?"

You can have a friendship with Jesus today. One that will last into eternity. One that brings peace, hope, joy and love. That friendship is just a prayer away. Prayer is talking with God. God knows your heart and is not so concerned with your words as He is with the attitude of your heart. If you have never trusted Christ, you can do so right now. The prayer I prayed is: "Lord Jesus, I need You. Thank You for dying on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my life and trust You as my Saviour. Thank You for forgiving my sins and giving me eternal life. Make me the kind of person You want me to be. Thank You that I can trust You."

### **Hymn 322(STF) How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear**

#### **Prayers of Intercession**

**We come to you now with our prayers of intercession.**

In this troubled world of war, remembering the struggles in Ukraine, Palestine and Israel, illness, and natural disaster, we ask that you look down on us with your grace and mercy. We pray for peace in a world torn with conflict and struggle. We ask that you give strength to those helping in situations that seem impossible, for you are a God who loves his children, help us father in these situations.

#### **Heavenly Father hears our prayer.**

We prayer for those struggling currently, those who are struggling with the cost of living, for those struggling due to ill health and depression, for the those who feel lonely.

#### **Heavenly Father hears our prayer.**

We prayer for our churches, for all its ministers and stewards. Help us to be more ready for each other. Help us to be one and let us continue to grow in you and you alone. Let your Spirit indwell in each one of us.

#### **Heavenly Father hears our prayer.**

We prayer for ourselves, for whatever situation we may be in, for those struggling with live, give us grace. For those who don't know what the future may hold, give us hope. For those who are troubled by what is going on. Give us mercy. Heavenly Father gives us the strength to carry on and may we always walk in your Kingdom.

For these and all our prayers, we ask in the name of your son, Jesus Christ.

**Amen**

### **Hymn 313(StF) Thine be the glory.**

**The Grace**

### Hymn 526

- 1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could  
destroy,  
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of  
the day.
  - 2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
whose strong hands were skilled at the  
plane and the lathe,  
be there at our labours, and give us, we  
pray,  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the  
noon of the day.
  - 3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to  
embrace,  
be there at our homing, and give us, we  
pray,  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of  
the day.
  - 4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
whose voice is contentment, whose  
presence is balm,  
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we  
pray,  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of  
the day.
- Jan Struther (Joyce Placzek) (1901–1953)

### Hymn 338

- 1 There is a Redeemer,  
Jesus, God's own Son,  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
Holy One.  
*Thank you, O my Father,  
for giving us your Son,  
and leaving your Spirit  
till the work on earth is done.*
- 2 Jesus my Redeemer,  
name above all names,  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
O for sinners slain.
- 3 When I stand in glory  
I will see his face,  
and there I'll serve my King for ever  
in that holy place.

### Hymn 322

- 1 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
in a believer's ear!  
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,  
and drives away our fear.

- 2 It makes the wounded spirit whole,  
and calms the troubled breast;  
'tis manna to the hungry soul,  
and to the weary, rest.
- 3 Dear name — the rock on which I build,  
my shield and hiding-place,  
my never-failing treasury, filled  
with boundless stores of grace!
- 4 Jesus! My Shepherd, Brother, Friend,  
my Prophet, Priest, and King,  
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,  
accept the praise I bring.
- 5 Weak is the effort of my heart,  
and cold my warmest thought;  
but when I see thee as thou art,  
I'll praise thee as I ought.
- 6 Till then I would thy love proclaim  
with every fleeting breath;  
and may the music of thy name  
refresh my soul in death.

John Newton (1725–1807)

### Hymn 313

- 1 Thine be the glory,  
risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory  
thou o'er death hast won;  
angels in bright raiment  
rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes  
where thy body lay:  
*Thine be the glory,  
risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory  
thou o'er death hast won.*
- 2 Lo, Jesus meets us,  
risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us,  
scatters fear and gloom;  
let the Church with gladness  
hymns of triumph sing,  
for her Lord now liveth,  
death hath lost its sting:
- 3 No more we doubt thee,  
glorious Prince of Life;  
life is naught without thee:  
aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors  
through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan  
to thy home above: