

Responsive Reading: Psalm 118:1-2, 15-18, 22-23

Response: Alleluia!

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious; for his mercy endureth for ever.
Let Israel now declare that his mercy endureth for ever.

Response: Alleluia!

The sound of joy and deliverance is in the dwellings of the righteous; the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass.

The right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass.

Response: Alleluia!

I shall not die, but live and declare the works of the Lord.
The Lord hath chastened me above measure, but he hath not given me over unto death.

Response: Alleluia!

The same stone which the builders refused is become the chief corner-stone.
This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.

Response: Alleluia!

Collect

Almighty God, who through your only son overcame death and opened for us the gate of everlasting life; we humbly pray that, as by your special inspiration you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them all to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. **Amen.**

Please pray for our church family members who are in need of your prayer support:

Ms. Sanjivani Agarwal, Master Isaiah, Mr. Eugene Samuel, Rev. G H Grose, Mrs. Hilda Immanuel, Ms. Shiela Choudhary, Mr. Dalip Kumar Ghosh, Mrs. E. S. Ruskin, Mr. Neelu Joseph, Ms. Mellisa Dass, Mrs. Virginia Sen, Mr. Suresh Kukde, Mrs. Jyotika Suraj, Mrs. Savitri, Mrs. Cynthia Nathaniel, Mr. Samuel Robert, Mr. Raphael Satyavrata, Mr. Emmanuel Soren and Mrs. Sheela Singh. Pray for the relief from the corona virus around the globe.



GREEN PARK FREE CHURCH

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Easter Day
The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed!! Alleluia!!!
12th April 2020

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Pastor Writes

The Lord is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!! Alleluia!!!

Let me first and foremost wish each one of you a happy and blessed Easter. May the risen Lord sustain you through the power of the Holy Spirit in the days to come.

We live at a time when the Corona Virus Pandemic has hit the world around. The globe has seen over 16 lakhs of people affected by this pandemic and almost a lakh of people have died. Our own country has crossed the 7500 mark with over 250 people who have died. America has had over 4 lakh cases and close to 16000 people have died. Italy, Spain, UK, Germany and other parts of Europe have been badly affected by this pandemic. Death seems to be all around us and the fear of death seems to have gripped the hearts and minds of people. People are anxious and afraid what will happen to them if they are infected by this virus. This has also affected the lives of millions of daily wagers who had to flee to their villages because of the plague. There is no work to do in the cities and there is no money and therefore they tried to get back to their villages. Some managed to get to their villages and some were stopped on the way. Some of them also died undertaking this arduous journey by foot. What we see all around us is death, fear, anxiety, fear of death, anxiety about the lockdown and how long it will be? Everything seems to be like the end of the world.

The death of Christ on Good Friday seemed to be like the end of the road for the Messiah and his disciples. Jesus repeatedly taught his disciples that the Son of Man had to suffer and to die and then be raised again on the third day. Somehow, the death on the cross seemed to be irreversible and final. The final nail was struck when they saw Jesus being crucified. There was no going back on the fact of his death. The disciples themselves were so scared that they locked themselves up for fear of the Jews on the evening of the first day of the week. The threat of death was too real for them. Their leader had been crucified and now it could be the turn of anyone of them. They were also terribly depressed that their leader who had promised them a kingdom was now cruelly snatched by the cross. What happened on that first Easter morning had radically altered human history ever since? Mary came back as the first apostle with a message, "The Lord is risen!"

The implications of the resurrection are that the death has been destroyed; sin has been removed; Satan has been defeated; and the Holy Spirit has been freely given to all of us. We are no more to be worried about death as the last and final step because of the resurrection of Jesus. We are also assured of the forgiveness of sins because Jesus took our place, died for us and rose again on the third day. The resurrection also clearly indicates that the Satan has been defeated as all the powers of Satan tried to keep Jesus down but were unable to do so. Finally, since the day of Pentecost till today, the Holy Spirit is freely given to every believer. The empty tomb gives us a future hope.

If Christ has defeated Satan and death and sin then the new creation has begun and we are called to make it happen in our own world. We are ushering in the new creation when we give people hope for people in the midst of death, when we reach out to the migrant workers who are starving for food under this lockdown, when we show our love for our fellow citizens especially for the poor and the needy, when we care for all those in the medical fraternity. We are to have a new vision where we see our nations without corruption and without power struggles. We see a new world where there is a just distribution of wealth.

We are called to be the Easter people. We are called to take the scripture in one hand and the power of God through the Holy Spirit on the other. We are to take a deep breath of the new creation which blows through the air this Easter and find out what we can do to make the new creation happen. The power of death and hell will oppose you for doing so and you will face many battles on the way. We are to go

back again and again to the fact of Easter; the enemies are a beaten rabble.

God's new creation should also take place in our individual life. Paul says, "Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature, sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil, desires and greed which is idolatry". He also says that we should rid ourselves of anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language. As we go out into the world filled with the power of the resurrection, may we truly bring God's new creation to our world, and may we ourselves be transformed into a new creation by the help of the Holy Spirit. May we pass on the hope of the resurrection to all our people who are in lock down assuring them that God is a God of life who has overcome death and he will give us the victory over this deadly corona virus.

Shalom

Paul Swarup

The Lord's Supper - Order of Service Call to Worship

"The Lord is risen, he is risen indeed Alleluia! (Luke 24:34)

Celebrant	Paul Swarup	
Leader	Vishal Paul	
Opening Hymn	GP 108	Jesus Christ is risen today
Adoration	Sect. 3 to 5	Vishal Paul
1st Reading	Exodus 15:1-2, 19-21	
Responsive Reading	Psalm 118:1-2, 15-18, 22-23	
2nd Reading	Colossians 3:1-4	
Hymn	GP 122	Low in the grave He lay
Gospel	John 20:1-18	Vishal Paul
Sermon		Paul Swarup
Nicene Creed	Sect. 14	All
Notices		Paul Swarup
Intercession	Section 16	
Confession of Sin	Sect. 17 to 19	Vishal Paul
Absolution & Peace	Section 20 & 22	Paul Swarup
Offertory Hymn	GP 94 (C)	God sent his Son Prayer for those who celebrate their Birthdays & Anniversaries this week.
The Lord's Supper	Section 26—40	Paul Swarup
Communion Hymn	GP 301 GP 169 GP 154	The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not There is a name I love to hear Spirit divine, attend our prayer
Prayer and Benediction	Section 45	Paul Swarup
Hymn	GP 192	The strife is over, the battle done