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**Please note** that Paula works Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Esther's days off are Monday and Saturday. Lis and Ian are usually both off Friday afternoon to Saturday afternoon at the moment. The Church Office is currently closed.

**Lis and Ian will be praying for the world, our community and our church family in the vicarage at 9.00-9.30am every morning that they are in the parish. Please join us by praying at home at this time if you are able to.**

## This week's prayer pointers

**Church Staff** Bishop Christopher; Archdeacon of Boston; Vicars; Youth Worker; Pastoral Outreach Worker; Readers; Churchwardens; Property Stewards; Church Office; Cleaners

**Mission Focus:** MAF & Stewart & Michelle Ayling

**Our Church Prayer:** Heavenly Father, help us to be a family of Your people who: Are centred on Jesus, reflecting His love, grace and truth in our characters, relationships and witness; Love Your Word (the Bible), recognise its authority and follow its guidance in our lives; Seek Your Holy Spirit's presence, wisdom, fruit and gifts, and welcome Him to move in power; Work out our faith in mission and outreach. For the praise of Your glory. **Amen.**

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*'Loving Jesus  
Serving others'*

**Sunday 19th April 2020**

**'Worship Together'  
Recorded service available on the  
Holy Trinity website and Facebook page.**

**Join us at 10.30am on Sunday or when you can.**

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.

**1 Peter 1:3**



**Alleluia, Christ is risen!  
He is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

## This week's prayers:

May your love that never fails strengthen the weak, encourage the fearful, calm the anxious, heal the sick through your church – your washed hands and feet on earth – distant but still present virtual but still connected apart but still helping. God in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Song 1

Here I am, humbled by your majesty  
covered by your grace so free.  
Here I am, knowing I'm a sinful man,  
covered by the blood of the Lamb.  
Now I've found the greatest love of all is mine,  
since you laid down your life, the greatest sacrifice.

*Majesty, majesty,  
Your grace has found me just as I am,  
empty handed but alive in your hands.  
Majesty, majesty,  
forever I am changed by your love  
in the presence of your majesty*

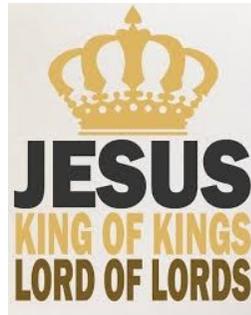
Here I am, humbled by the love that you give,  
forgiven so that I can forgive.  
Here I stand, knowing that I'm your desire,  
sanctified by glory and fire.  
Now I've found the greatest love of all is mine  
since you laid down your life, the greatest sacrifice.

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## Today's reading: John 20: 19-31

<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." <sup>22</sup>And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

<sup>24</sup>Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>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."



*"For it is by  
grace that you  
are saved,  
through faith,  
and this not  
from yourselves,  
it is the gift of  
God."  
Ephesians 2:8*

<sup>26</sup>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!" <sup>27</sup>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." <sup>28</sup>Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed, blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." <sup>30</sup>Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

## Thought for the day: Dave Parkinson

Thomas would not believe. He demanded firm evidence. And Jesus met Thomas' demands point for point. While our experience may not be that of Thomas, it isn't uncommon to have doubts. Surprisingly these can be stepping stones to a firmer faith. Faith is a decision to follow Christ - it doesn't ebb and flow depending on how we feel. The Holy Spirit helps us here as He points out that we really are God's children. As we show the family likeness in our lives John, in his letter, reminds us that this gives us an assurance that we truly belong to him. And when questions arise from life's experiences we might be surprised at how many God-given resources there are to help us find good answers. We may never have all the answers but what we do know and experience, point us unmistakably toward a God who is real and dependable. He can be trusted.

## Song 2

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.*

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.

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.

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