

St John's Methodist Church



1960-2022

Closing Service of
Thanksgiving

Sunday 17th April 2022

3.00pm

Order of Service

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Welcome

Hymn – StF 298 – Christ The Lord Is Risen Today

Prayer of Adoration

Eternal God, Creator of time and space, beginning and end of all things; you have been with us in all that is past:

To you be glory for ever

Loving God, Saviour of the world, the Way, the Truth and the Life; you are with us as we gather today:

To you be glory for ever!

Sustaining God, Spirit of renewal and inspirer of faith; you will be with us as we go from this place:

To you be glory forever!

Holy God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you are with us always:

To you be glory forever!

Silence

Loving God, when we have followed our own desires, and failed to proclaim your love

Lord, forgive us.

Generous God, when we have lived for our own needs, and failed to embody your generosity,

Lord forgive us.

Transforming God, when we have loved our own comforts, and failed to hear your call

Lord, forgive us.

Silence

The presiding minister says:

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end. This is Christ's gracious word: "Your sins are forgiven."

Amen. Thanks be to God.

Reflections on St John's

Hymn – StF 297 – Christ Is Alive

Readings: John 20:1-18
 1 Corinthians 15:51-58

Hymn – StF 303 – I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Sermon

Prayers of Intercession and Lord's Prayer

Hymn – StF 51 – Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Prayers of Thanksgiving

At the door...

Welcoming God, we give thanks for all those who have encountered your presence in this place, for all those who have discovered your love shown to us through Jesus Christ. God of hospitality:

We give you our thanks.

At the font...

Transforming God, we give thanks for all those who have entered the Church through the waters of Baptism, for those who have received the gift of new life through the promise of the Holy Spirit. God of new life:

We give you our thanks.

In the aisle...

Uniting God, we give thanks for all you have stood before you and pledged themselves to each other, for new relationships celebrated and new families created. God of joy:

We give you our thanks.

Comforting God, we give thanks for all who have joined the Company of Heaven, whose memory we still cherish, whose love still inspires us. God of peace:

We give you our thanks.

At the pulpit...

Inspiring God, we give thanks for your Living Word proclaimed from this place over the generations, your Word that informs our thinking and motivates our living, and for all those who have preached in this place. God of grace:

We give you our thanks

At the organ...

Encouraging God, we give thanks for the worship that has been offered here, for the ways in which your praise has been proclaimed and your love lifted high in our hearts, and for all those who have enabled worship in this place. God of celebration:

We give you our thanks.

At the communion table...

Tangible God, we give thanks for all the ways in which you have come to us and for your means of grace made known especially through gifts of bread and wine, your body and your blood. God of love:

We give you our thanks. Amen.

Offering for the work of MHA

Hymn – StF 313 – Thine Be The Glory

Blessing

Dismissal

We go in peace for God's Spirit dwells in us

We will be a temple of God wherever we go

Please join us for refreshments in the hall afterwards