

# St Paul's Zoom Worship - Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2020

## Living Stones

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

As God's people we have gathered:

**let us worship him together.**

Be with us, Spirit of God;

**nothing can separate us from your love.**

Breathe on us, breath of God

**fill us with your saving power.**

Speak in us, wisdom of God;

**bring strength, healing and peace.**



**We sing: Halle, Halle, Hallelujah**

**Introduction to theme**

**Prayer of Confession** (*we say sorry for the ways we have turned away from God*)

*We use the following response*

Lord, have mercy

**All: Lord, have mercy**

Christ, have mercy

**All: Christ, have mercy**

Lord, have mercy

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**Absolution** (*Hear God's words of forgiveness*)

**Collect**

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

**Reading: I Peter 2: 2-10**

<sup>2</sup> Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation - <sup>3</sup> if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. <sup>4</sup> Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and <sup>5</sup> like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup> For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." <sup>7</sup> To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," <sup>8</sup> and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the

word, as they were destined to do. <sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. <sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

## Reflection

*With an opportunity to construct something if you've got materials to hand!*



## Hymn: What a friend we have in Jesus

1) What a friend we have in Jesus  
All our sins and griefs to bear  
What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit  
Oh, what needless pain we bear  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer.

2) Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged  
Take it to the Lord in prayer  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

3) Are we weak and heavy-laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Jesus only is our refuge  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,  
Thou wilt find a solace there.



## Intercessions

*Don't forget to bring your stone to hold*

## The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Creed

Let us declare our faith and trust in God.

**All: We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.  
We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.  
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us with power from on high  
We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## We share the peace

The risen Christ came and stood among the disciples and said 'Peace be with you'.  
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia!  
The peace of the Lord be always with you. Alleluia!  
**And also with you. Alleluia!**

## Song: Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly trust is Jesus' name.  
*Christ alone, Cornerstone  
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love  
Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all*

When darkness seems to hide His face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil  
My anchor holds within the veil.  
*Christ alone, Cornerstone*

When he shall come with trumpet sound  
Oh, may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless stand before the throne.  
*Christ alone, Cornerstone*

## Blessing

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