

Sunday 11 May 2025 – Easter 4 Sharing Sunday and Mothers' Day

Today's service is an opportunity for all to share, Rosalie Gwilliam and Eleanor Ashby, two of our Lay Preachers have co-ordinated the service today.

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Welcome to our service this morning.

In working together on our shared mission, we commit to seven core values:

Togetherness, Humility, Curiosity, Love, Inclusiveness, Justice, Sustainability.

Curiosity: we are committed to a life of learning, questioning, and exploring the mystery of God, Jesus, and the Bible.

Welcome and Introduction

Call to Worship

'Come to me' Christ says.

We know and hear his voice.

'Walk with me' Christ calls.

We know and follow this call.

'Live with me' Christ offers.

We rejoice in this promise of life.

Come, let us worship.

Prayer

O Great Shepherd, walk with us in this time of worship, as you walk with us all the days of our lives.

As we sing your praises, and worship your holy name, speak to us with your wisdom; call to us and lead us home. Open our eyes and enlighten our minds, that we might hear your word and grow in our faith.

In Christ's name we pray. Amen

Hymn HFTC 462: My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Sharing Time – You are invited to choose your own reading and reflect on why this is special to you.

Offering

Prayer

Lord, we bring before you the common things, of our common life: our money, our songs, our labours to be your faithful congregation, our needs and dreams, our joys and sorrows, ourselves.

We celebrate all this with you, seeking the touch of your Spirit, so that we will share more deeply, what we are and have, with all our brothers and sisters in our city and in the world. In faith and gratitude, we offer common things, made miracles by your grace. Amen

Community Time

Prayers for Others

More Sharing Time - You are invited to choose your own reading and reflect on why this is special to you.

Hymn HFTC 167: Yours Be The Glory

Blessing

May the Lord who brought us to birth by his Spirit, strengthen us for the Christian life. May the Lord who provides for all our needs sustain us day by day. May the Lord whose steadfast love is constant as a mother's care, send us out to live and work for others.

And the blessing of God Almighty. the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with us and remain with us always. Amen