

South Wold

DEANERY

The Fourth Sunday of Easter
A Service of the Word

WELCOME

Alleluia Christ is risen

ALL He is risen indeed. Alleluia

O Lord, open our eyes to your presence

Open our minds to your grace

Open our lips to your praises

Open our hearts to your love

Open our lives to your healing

All And be found among us. Amen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We come seeking forgiveness for all that we have failed to be and do as members of Christ's body.

In God there is forgiveness

All Loving and all seeing God, forgive us

Where we have fallen short of your image in us

Where we have failed to support one another

And be what we claim to be

Where we have failed to serve you

Where our thoughts and actions fail to reflect your love, we ask your pardon

God forgives us, be at Peace

Rejoice and be glad for Christ is the resurrection,

And offers reconciliation for the whole human race

All We shall be one in Christ, one in our life together.

Praise to God who has created us, accepted us,

And who sends us into the world

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Hymn: Be thou my vision

Ministry of the Word

As we prepare to explore God's word let us pray together

All **May God guide each of us in the way of Christ,
whatever our age or experience.
May the love of God speak to us all**

New testament reading is from Acts 9: 36-43

In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor. About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, "Please come at once!"

Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.

Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, "Tabitha, get up." She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive. This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord. Peter stayed in Joppa for some time with a tanner named Simon.

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Hymn: Jesus lover of my soul

The Gospel

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 10.22-30

All **Glory to you O Lord**

Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon's Colonnade. The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they

follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

This is the gospel of the Lord

All Praise to you O Christ

Sermon

Hymn: Christians, love one another

THE CREED

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**All Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION ending with The Lord's Prayer

**All Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done in earth,
As it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that 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.**

Prayer of commitment

All Living one, creator and lover of the world, we offer our lives to you this day and our life together in you.

Accept us as we are, with all our stumbling and all our courage.

Guide us into what you would have us be. And in the power of the spirit enable us to be a sign of your presence in the world.

In the name of Jesus your living son. Amen.

Blessing

The blessing of God, ground of being, bread of life and spirit of peace

Rest upon you and all whom you love, both living and departed

Now and always

All **Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen**

Hymn: The good shepherd