Notices

- Community Hub
- Mulbarton PCC
 - Mardlers
- Bracon Ash & Flordon APCMs
 - Swap Shop
- Next Sunday! 10am Baptism, 6pm "Together"

Collect for Today

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Saying Sorry

Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with <u>all</u> your heart and with <u>all</u> your soul and with <u>all</u> your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'"

(Matthew 22 verses 37 – 38 – my italics) Saying Sorry Let us return to the Lord and say to him, as the prodigal son did:

Father, we have sinned against heaven and against you. We are not worthy to be called your children. We turn to you again.

Have mercy on us, bring us back to yourself as those who once were dead but now have life through Christ our Lord. AMEN

Receiving Forgiveness

May the God of love and power forgive *you* and free *you* from *your* sins, heal and strengthen *you* by his Spirit, and raise *you* to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sung Creed

Acts 2:14a; 36-41 (NIV)

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:

³⁶ 'Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.'

³⁷ When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, 'Brothers, what shall we do?'

³⁸ Peter replied, 'Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off – for all whom the Lord our God will call.'

⁴⁰ With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' ⁴¹ Those who accepted his message were baptised, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

Luke 24:13-35 (NIV)

¹³ Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles^[a] from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶ but they were kept from recognising him. ¹⁷ He asked them, 'What are you discussing together as you walk along?'

They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸ One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, 'Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?'

¹⁹ 'What things?' he asked.

'About Jesus of Nazareth,' they replied. 'He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people.²⁰ The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him;

²¹ but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. ²² In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³ but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴ Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.'

²⁵ He said to them, 'How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?' ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

²⁸ As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going further. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, 'Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them.

³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognised him, and he disappeared from their sight.

³² They asked each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on

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the road and opened the Scriptures to us?' ³³ They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴ and saying, 'It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' ³⁵ Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognised by them when he broke the bread.

Song: Speak, O Lord

Journeying Together

Reflection by Jane Minchin

Song: The Splendour of the King

Sharing Journeys

Song: In Christ Alone

Our Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

Our Father in heaven hallowed be your name. Your Kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Song: Oceans

The Sending Out

We believe that by his dying Christ destroyed death for ever. AMEN

We have been crucified with Christ

and live by faith in the Son of God, who loved us and gave himself for us. **AMEN**

May he send us out to glory in his cross, and live no longer for ourselves but for him, who died and was raised to life for us. AMEN

Closing Blessing

Now may the peace of God, which passes understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you, now and always. **Amen.**