

Sunday 12th April – Easter Day Love Feast

Streamed Worship Service Sheet

In response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and the cancellation of worship services, the District will be broadcasting a worship service at 10:30am on Sunday morning via Facebook Live and it will also be available on the District Website:

<https://www.facebook.com/Birminghammethodistdistrict/>
<http://www.birminghammethodist.org.uk/>

If you are unable to join us on your computer, tablet or phone, this sheet will enable you to journey with us as we worship together in our homes around the District.

For Easter Day we are going to share a Love Feast together. The Love Feast, or Agape, is a Christian fellowship meal recalling the meals Jesus shared with disciples during his ministry. The service expresses the *koinonia* or sharing, belonging and fellowship enjoyed within the body of Christ. During the service you will be invited to eat a piece of bread or cake and share water from a 'loving cup' as a sign of our fellowship, impaired as it is by our physical separation, but held by the fellowship of the Holy Spirit in our separate places. So, it would be an idea to have the bread/cake and water ready before the service.

Welcome and Explanation

Lighting of the Candle

We light this candle, and encourage you to light a candle at home if it is safe and you are able to do so, as a sign of the light and love of God reaching out into the places of fear and pain in our world and in our own situations.

The Gathering of the People of God

Hymn: StF 298 Christ the Lord is risen today

Prayers

Confession

Collect

Hymn: StF 293 All heaven declares

Easter Gardens

Reading: Jeremiah 31: 1-6 (NRSV)

Hymn: StF 309 See what a morning

Reading: John 20: 1-18

Sermon

Hymn: StF 306 Now the green blade rises

Love Feast

- How have we experienced God recently?
- Where have we met Jesus?
- Has the Spirit moved us?

Testimonies

Hymn: StF 646 Come and let us sweetly join

Sharing water and cake in silence

“Then Jesus declared, ‘I am the bread of life. They who come to me will never go hungry, and they who believe in me will never be thirsty’.”

(John 6:35)

Hymn: StF 303 I know that my redeemer lives

Prayers

Hymn: StF 313 Thine be the glory

Blessing