**St Nicholas Stevenage + St Mary’s Graveley**

**Sunday Gathering: 19th April 2020**

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**Welcome**

**The Creed:**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Song:** **Come People of the Risen King**

**Welcome and opening prayer**

**The Collect**

Almighty Father,

you have given your only Son to die for our sins

and to rise again for our justification:

grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you

in pureness of living and truth;

through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**Confession: We confess our sins together**

Lord God, we have sinned against you,

we have done evil in your sight.

We are sorry and repent.

Have mercy on us according to your love.

Wash away our wrongdoing

and cleanse us from our sin.

Renew a right spirit within us

and restore us to the joy of your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*We are reminded of God’s forgiveness…*

May Almighty God, who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour,

forgive us our sins,

and make us holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**All Age Time**

**Song: John 14:1-4**

**Bible Reading: Isaiah 62:1-63:6** by Sue Bailey

**Talk Part 1:**

* Glimpse the glorious future for God’s people
* Hear God’s cast-iron guarantee it will come

**Song: Jerusalem**

**Talk part 2:**

* Be reminded of how this victory was won
* Discover our part in building God’s Kingdom

**Prayers** led by Nigel Brown

**We say The Lord’s Prayer together…**

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 the glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen.

**Church Family News**

**Hymn: Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken**

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