



Worship for Easter Day

Welcome

Happy Easter. Alleluia Christ is risen. He is risen indeed Alleluia. Easter day is one of my favourite days of the whole year because it so full of joy and happiness. Today we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, the conquering of light over darkness, life over death. Although we are having to celebrate Easter differently this year it is still a day of celebration and joy. We do not celebrate alone, we are joined by our church family and by Christians throughout the world as we give thanks to God for his great love for us and for all that was achieved through Jesus' death and resurrection. Alleluia Christ is risen. He is risen indeed Alleluia.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you **and also with you.**

Making Ready

Alleluia. Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

We have heard the story and remembered the pain, but now we shout the Good News: **Good News! Alleluia!**

The world was silent and sad but now we celebrate the Good News: **Good News! Alleluia!**

Jesus is risen from the dead! Let's rejoice together at the Good news! **Good News! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Hymn: Jesus Christ is risen today

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Let us pray. Great and wonderful God, today of all days we would praise you. We would bring you our worship, our gratitude, our faith and our lives, offering them to you in joyful celebration at the victory you have won for us in Christ. Grant, then, that everything we offer you today will speak of our joy, devotion and desire to follow Christ; to give ourselves to him as he gave himself for us. **Amen**

We Say Sorry

Jesus has risen, all that is wrong can be made right. So, let's be quiet for a moment and ask him to be close to us with his love and forgiveness.

Silence

Lord God, sometimes we are greedy and want to keep everything to ourselves. Forgive us for our selfishness. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord God, sometimes we spoil things that are precious, the world and its people. Forgive us for our hatred. Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord God, sometimes we ignore or ridicule those who seem unimportant to us. Forgive us for our prejudice. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins and restore us in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Collect

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Reading: Acts 10: 34-43

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Hymn: See what a morning

Gospel reading

Jesus is risen from the dead. **Alleluia**
He has defeated the powers of death. **Alleluia.**
Jesus has turned our sorrow into dancing. **Alleluia**
He has the words of eternal life. **Alleluia**

Here the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. **Glory to you Oh Lord**

Matthew 28: 1-10

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Talk

I have made a video of the talk today (the video can be downloaded from the website). If you can't watch the video, send me an email and I will forward you the script. The picture in the video was taken in All Hallows Church at Easter 2019.

Declaring Our Faith

We are celebrating the good news that Jesus lives – let's declare our faith in the resurrection of Jesus:

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen

Hymn: Alleluia, Alleluia give thanks to the risen Lord

Prayers

I have made a video of the prayers today (the video can be downloaded from the website).

As we celebrate the new life of the Resurrection, let us pray to the one true God, who brings us all to life.

Lord God, we pray that the Church may proclaim with joy your message of hope for the world; may our lives, as well as our worship, testify to the truth of the Resurrection, broaden our vision of what is possible through new life in you. Guide and strengthen your church at this time so that we can shine out your love, light and hope to the world around us. Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, we pray for the world in which we live. For the leaders of the nations and all those who make important decisions. We ask that you give them wisdom as they seek to lead us through these difficult and uncertain times.
Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer**

Lord God, we ask you to bless our homes, families and all the communities of which we are apart, with new life and the hope of new possibilities touching the ordinary with beauty and joy. We give thanks for the hard work and dedication of NHS staff, medical researchers, care workers, teachers, food industry workers and all others who are supporting the nation at this difficult time. Bless them with the resources they need to stay safe and to help and care for others. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer**

Lord God, we pray for all those who are struggling with fear, anxiety and pain, those whose lives are troubled or insecure, those in difficult and unsafe home situations, for those who have little energy left to rejoice. We bring before you who are affected by coronavirus, through illness or isolation or anxiety, that they may find relief, recovery and peace. In a moment of quiet we name before you any that we know who are suffering whether in body, mind or spirit. *Silence*. Bring to them your healing and peace. Give us the grace to carry one another's burdens in love and show us ways in which we can share your love with others during this difficult time.
Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer**

Lord God, we pray for all those who have recently died, naming before you any that we know ... *Silence*may they find the fullness of God's eternity, flooded with the light of his love. We bring before you those who are grieving at this time, may they know your comfort and hope. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer**

We have a moment of quiet as we bring our own prayers to God

Lord God, we thank you for the precious gift of new life; may we never again take it for granted, but live each moment in the fullness of that that Jesus has gained for us.

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

The Lord's prayer

The Peace

God makes peace within us – **let us claim it.**
God makes peace between us – **let us share it.**
The peace of the Lord be with you. **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of God's peace.

I know that we are not together physically today and not able to share the peace in our normal way. However, this does not mean that we are not able to share the peace. Bring to mind members of our church family and as you do wish them God's peace. "..... (the name of a member of our church family) God's peace be with you.

Hymn: Thine be the glory

We Go Out

God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead, open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.
Amen

God the Son, who is bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory, give you joy as you share the Easter faith.
Amen

God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples with the life of risen Lord, empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.
Amen

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and with those you love, now and always. **Amen.**

Jesus is alive! We have heard the good news. **Let's share it with the world**

We have heard the good news. **Let's live it in our lives. Alleluia!**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia! **Thanks be to God.** Alleluia, Alleluia!

