



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 again this year it is still a day of celebration and joy when we join with Christians throughout the world to give thanks to God for his great love for us and for all that was achieved through Jesus death and resurrection. Let us take a moment now to be still in the presence of our loving and generous God as we get ready to worship this morning.

Call to worship

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.**

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

A prayer

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**

Prayers of Penitence

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 for Easter day

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

Hymn: See what a morning

Reading: John 20:1-18

Talk

I have made a video of the talk.

Creed

**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.

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

Risen Lord, 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 so that we can shine out your love, light and hope to the world around us and help us to live as Easter people. Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Risen Lord, we pray for the world in which we live. For the leaders of the nations and all those who make important decisions grant them wisdom, compassion and integrity. We pray for peace, justice, compassion and understanding to shape our world, may the nations work together to protect the environment and the welfare of all people but especially the vulnerable. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer**

Risen Lord, we ask you to bless our homes, families and all the communities of which we are apart, with new life of the resurrection. May all people know the hope and joy of Easter and God's love of them. We give thank for all the light and love in our lives, for all those who have shown us compassion, friendship and encouragement. Give us the grace and wisdom to reach out with your love as we work to build up the kingdom of God. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer**

Risen Lord, 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. In a moment of quiet we name before you any that we know who are suffering this day whether in body, mind or spirit. *Silence.* Surround them with your healing and peace. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer**

Risen Lord, we pray for all those who have recently died, naming before you any that we have known*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, strength and hope. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer**

Risen Lord, in a moment of silence and stillness we offer our own prayers to God. *Silence.* 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 all 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

May the Christ raised in glory scatter the darkness from our hearts and minds and from the world. May the light of the Risen Christ shine upon us this day and always. Alleluia, Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia. **Amen**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing 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!

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