



SERVICE ORDER

Sunday, 9th April
Easter Sunday



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

**Almighty God,
you have overcome sin and death
through the death of your Son,
and have brought forgiveness and eternal life
through his resurrection.**

**Help us confidently to believe this
and always praise you with our whole heart.**

**We ask this through your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.**

Amen.

OPENING SENTENCE: MATTHEW 28: 5-6

*The angel said to the women, “don’t be afraid! I know you are looking for
Jesus,
who was nailed to a cross. He isn’t here! God has raised him to
Life, just as Jesus said he would.”*

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INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY

**Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once, upon the cross,
Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing
Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heavenly king Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave,
Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

**But the pains which He endured
Alleluia! Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's king,
Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**

'Lyra Davidica', 1708, and John Arnold's 'Compleat Psalmodist', 1749
Revised, Tate and Brady's Supplement, 1816
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CONFESSION

*Let us draw near to God our Father with a true heart to confess our sins,
and ask Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.*

Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor helpless sinner, confess to You all my sins, and repent of all the evil I have done. I have deeply displeased You and deserve Your punishment in time and in eternity. But I am sorry for my sins, and I ask You, for the sake of the holy innocent sufferings and death of Your dear Son Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me. Amen.

*Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us, and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He has given the right to become children of God, and has given them His Holy Spirit. Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved.
Grant this, Lord, to us all. Amen.*

PSALM 118: 1,2,14-24

¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

² Let Israel say: "His love endures forever."

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my defense^[a]; he has become my salvation.

¹⁵ Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous:

"The LORD's right hand has done mighty things!

¹⁶ The LORD's right hand is lifted high;

the LORD's right hand has done mighty things!"

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

¹⁷ I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

¹⁸ The LORD has chastened me severely,

but he has not given me over to death.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

¹⁹ Open for me the gates of the righteous;

I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter.

²¹ I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

²² The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;

²³ the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ The LORD has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

**Glory to the Father and the Son
and the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever.**

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray that we rejoice in Christ's victory.

[silence]

**Everliving God,
we thank you that you have overcome
the old powers of sin and death
through the mighty resurrection of your Son,
and have made all things new in him.
Make us dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ.
For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

BIBLE READING

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43 Summary of Jesus' life and ministry (NIVUK)

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism ³⁵ but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. ³⁶ You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. ³⁷ You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. ³⁹ "We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, ⁴⁰ but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. ⁴¹ He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

After the reading
This is the Word of the LORD.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4 Your life is hidden with Christ in God
(NIVUK)

³ Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³ For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, who is your^[a] life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

After the reading
This is the Word of the LORD.
Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE

Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again;
death no longer has any power over him.*

Alleluia!

The life he lives, he lives to God

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 20:1-18 Mary finds the tomb empty and Jesus appears to her
(NIVUK)

Before the reading
Glory be to You, O LORD.

²⁰ Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed

from the entrance.² So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"³ So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb.⁴ Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.⁵ He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in.⁶ Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there,⁷ as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen.⁸ Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed.⁹ (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.¹¹ Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb¹² and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.¹³ They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him."¹⁴ At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.¹⁵ He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").¹⁷ Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

After the reading

This is the gospel of the LORD.

Praise be to You, O Christ.

Lord Jesus Christ, thank you for rising from death.

Let us share in your new life forever.

Amen.

APOSTLE'S CREED

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

**And 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, dead, and buried. He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty,
from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

HE IS RISEN

**He is risen, He is risen! Tell it with a joyful voice;
He has burst His three days' prison, Let the whole wide world rejoice.
Death is conquered, man is free, Christ has won the victory.**

**Come with high and holy gladness, Chant our Lord's triumphant lay;
Not one touch of twilight sadness Dims His resurrection day;
Brightly dawns the radiant east, Brighter far our Easter feast.**

**He is risen, He is risen! He has opened heaven's gate;
We are free from sin's dark prison, Risen to a holier state;
Soon a brighter Easter beam On our longing eyes shall stream.**

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SERMON

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or Read and Discuss the Sermon

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Christ Is Risen He Is Risen Indeed

**How can it be the One who died Has borne our sin through sacrifice
To conquer every sting of death Sing sing hallelujah**

**For joy awakes as dawning light When Christ's disciples lift their eyes
Alive He stands their Friend and King Christ Christ He is risen**

**Christ is risen He is risen indeed Oh sing hallelujah
Join the chorus sing with the redeemed
Christ is risen He is risen indeed (He is risen)**

**Where doubt and darkness once had been
They saw Him and their hearts believed
But blessed are those who have not seen Yet sing hallelujah**

**Once bound by fear now bold in faith
They preached the truth and power of grace
And pouring out their lives they gained Life life everlasting**

**Christ is risen He is risen indeed Oh sing hallelujah
Join the chorus sing with the redeemed
Christ is risen He is risen indeed (He is risen)**

**The power that raised Him from the grave
Now works in us to powerfully save
He frees our hearts to live His grace Go tell of His goodness**

**Christ is risen He is risen indeed Oh sing hallelujah
Join the chorus sing with the redeemed
Christ is risen He is risen indeed (He is risen)**

**Christ is risen He is risen indeed Oh sing hallelujah
Join the chorus sing with the redeemed
Christ is risen He is risen indeed (He is risen)**

**He's alive He's alive Heaven's gates are opened wide
He's alive He's alive Now in heaven glorified**

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OFFERING PRAYER

*Everliving God,
let the resurrection of your Son
fill us with hope and joy.
May our lives and our gifts
help to bring your new life to others.
Amen.*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*On this day of resurrection, let us pray that the light of Christ may rise over
the whole world.*

Creator God, we ask that the light of Christ would shine in the church, so that
all may see it and be drawn to faith in you.

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, **dispel the darkness of our hearts and
minds.**

Redeeming God, we pray that the light of Christ would shine in our
community, so that our friends and neighbours may know with us the joy of
new life you give.

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, **dispel the darkness of our hearts and
minds.**

Loving God, we ask that the light of Christ would shine into the darkness of despair, to lift up all who are grieving, lonely, suffering, or without hope, that they may receive your comfort and peace.

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, **dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.**

Saviour God, we pray that the light of Christ would shine into human hearts, wherever deeds of greed, oppression and injustice are being planned, that people would walk out of the darkness into light.

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, **dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.**

Risen God, we ask that the light of Christ would shine in the darkness of the grave and tomb, and that all who have died in Christ may rise to life again and see the light of his glory in heaven forever.

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, **dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of light, which you created in the beginning by the power of your word. Shine the light of Christ upon us and all the world, so that we may come to feast with you in eternal light; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our light and our life, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

BLESSING

Let us bless the LORD.

God be praised forevermore.

The LORD bless us and keep us.

The LORD make His face shine on us and be gracious to us.

The LORD look upon us with favour, and give us peace.

Amen!

GROWING FAITH AT HOME BLESSING

*May the risen Jesus replace your fears with joy
and raise you to new life with him.*

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and raise you to new life with him.**

WORDS OF SENDING

*Go in peace
as witnesses of the risen Lord.*

In the name of Christ. Amen.

I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES

**I know that my Redeemer lives; what comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living head.**

**He lives triumphant from the grave, He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky, He lives exalted there on high.**

**He lives to bless me with His love, He lives to plead for me above,
He lives my hungry soul to feed, He lives to help in time of need.**

**He lives, my kind, wise, heavenly friend, He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; He lives, my prophet, priest, and king.**

**He lives, and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare, He lives to bring me safely there.**

**He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
O the sweet joy this sentence gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!**

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HYMNS AND SONGS

First reading (a): Acts 10:34-43

LHS

- 16 Hail to the Lord's Anointed G6 (vv
1,2,4,5)
90 Christ the Lord is risen again G8
232 Rise, Thou light of gentile nations* G4
761 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing G3
791 O love how deep, how broad, how high

G5

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- 61 Hallelujah my Father
125 Man more than man
133 When Jesus came to earth from heaven
227 Allelu!

Second reading (a): Colossians 3:1-4

LHS

- 95 He is risen, He is risen* G3
102 Hallelujah, hallelujah!* G5
177 O my Saviour, lifted G5
479 Jesus, my Redeemer, lives* G5
763 Now is eternal life (*alt tune* 176, G9)
847 The Lamb's high banquet called to
share (*alt tune* 839, G7)
862 As we step from the edge of morning

GS

AT

- 101 Jesus, please watch over us
171 Dying you destroyed our death
264 Spirit of God
276 Into your death
357 Give us hearts to know you, Lord

393 Real food, real drink

Gospel (a): John 20:1-18

LHS

*From the Easter sections, especially the
following:*

- 88 Jesus Christ is risen today G5
89 Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands*
G5
90 Christ the Lord is risen again G8
91 Christ the Lord is risen today G4
92 Christ the Lord is risen today G in STJ (*alt
tune* 88, *add alleluias*, G5)
96 Ere yet the dawn has filled the skies G8
97 The strife is o'er G5
101 Jesus lives! thy terrors now * G5
105 Good Christian men, rejoice and sing *
G5
479 Jesus, my Redeemer, lives * G5
764 Now the green blade rises GS
766 The Son is up GS
768 We welcome glad Easter GS
770 Yours is the glory G6

AT

- 15 Love has come again
26 He is Lord
160 Resurrection shout
179 Come let us eat
263 Singing all praises (v 3)
312 Celebrate
346 Jesus is alive today
437 I have seen the Lord