



## **CHURCH @ HOME SERVICE ORDER**

**Sunday, 20 April  
Easter Sunday**



### **WELCOME & OPENING SENTENCES**

*Early in the morning, while it was still dark, Mary came to the tomb —  
only to find the stone rolled away!*

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

*Mary ran to share the news, still struggling to believe that Jesus was alive.*

**But the grave could not hold him. Death could not defeat him!**

*The risen Lord called her by name: Mary! And in that moment, sorrow turned to joy.*

**Jesus knows our names too. He calls us to new life!**

*So today, we run to the empty tomb with awe and gladness,  
for Christ is alive, and we are witnesses!*

**Let our voices rise in praise! Let our hearts rejoice in hope!**

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

### **INVOCATION**

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

**Amen.**

### **CELEBRATE**

**Celebrate Jesus, the risen Lord!**

**Celebrate Jesus, He's our deliverer!**

**Celebrate Jesus, the risen Lord!**

**Stand up and celebrate,  
everyone celebrate now and forevermore.**

**He is alive, He is alive, He is alive.**

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### **LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE**

*On the day we celebrate Christ's great victory over the darkness of sin and death. His new life is our new life, and his resurrection is our resurrection. To symbolise the new beginning we have in him, we light our Paschal candle.*

(The Paschal candle is lit)

*Christ our light:*

**We thank you.**

*Christ our light:*

**We adore you.**

*Christ our light:*

**In faith we follow you. Shine upon us now and always. Amen.**

### **CONFESSION OF SINS**

*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.*

## **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*He is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

### **LORD HAVE MERCY**

*(spoken)*

*Lord, have mercy on us.*

**Christ, have mercy on us.**

*Jesus, who gave himself unto death for us:*

**Have mercy on us.**

*Jesus, who rose in glory on the third day:*

**Have mercy on us.**

*Jesus, King of glory, who ascended into heaven:*

**Have mercy on us.**

*Jesus, seated in glory at the right hand of the Father:*

**Have mercy on us.**

*Jesus, who opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers:*

**Have mercy on us.**

### **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 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 gives me daily breath;  
he lives, and I will conquer death;  
he lives my new home 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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### **GREETING & PRAYER**

*The risen Lord Jesus be with you: And also with you*

*Let us pray:*

**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 to confidently believe this and to always praise you with our whole hearts. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and glorious Saviour. Amen.**

### **BIBLE READING**

**FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43** Summary of Jesus' life and ministry

Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. 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. You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— 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. "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, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. 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. 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. 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: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11** The good news of Christ's resurrection

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born. For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them – yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

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

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

*Before the reading*  
**Glory be to You, O LORD.**

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. 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!" So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first,

also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) Then the disciples went back to where they were staying. Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. 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." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. 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." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher"). 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.'" 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.**

### **CHRIST IN ME ARISE**

**Christ in me arise and dispel all the darkness  
Christ in me arise with Your power and Your strength  
Christ in me pour out Your blessing and healing  
Christ in me arise and I shall rise with You**

**Be now my vision open these eyes  
Showing me all that I must see  
Onward to the kingdom You are the way  
Arise in me and I shall rise with You**

**Be now my footsteps leading the way  
Taking me where I must go  
Onward to the kingdom You are the way  
Arise in me and I shall rise with You**

**You know my heart and You know my ways  
You who formed me in my mother's womb  
I live and move in You my whole being thrives in You**

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Christ in me arise and I shall rise with You**

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### **MESSAGE**

**At this point you may wish to watch the Sermon.  
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### **STATEMENT OF RESURRECTION FAITH**

**This is the gospel which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. He is the first and the last, the beginning and the end. He is our Lord and our God. Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again. Death no longer has no power over him. The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So let us also consider ourselves dead to sin, and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Christ is risen!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### **CHRIST THE LORD 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!

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### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray:

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

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*Let us pray that the results of Christ's resurrection may be seen in our lives and throughout the world.*

Lord God, our loving heavenly Father, we thank and praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Your Son, our Passover Lamb, has taken away the sin of the world. Forgive us and all people. God of new life: **Hear our prayer.**

Your Son said, 'Peace be with you'. Bring your peace to the world and to our own country. God of new life: **Hear our prayer.**

Your Son appeared to Mary Magdalene when she was weeping. Comfort those who are sad, lonely, or grieving. God of new life: **Hear our prayer.**

Your Son met the women and asked them to tell the disciples about his resurrection. Guide Christians everywhere to witness to the resurrection in their lives. God of new life: **Hear our prayer.**



Your Son proclaimed himself to the two disciples from the Scriptures and made himself known to them in the breaking of the bread. Reveal him to us and all people through the teaching of your word and the celebration of your holy meal. God of new life:

**Hear our prayer.**

Your Son strengthened the faith of Thomas by telling him to touch his hands and side. Reassure those whose who are troubled by doubts, and strengthen their faith in your goodness. God of new life:

**Hear our prayer.**

Your Son conquered death by his death and won the victory by his resurrection. Be with those who are dying, and lead them to life with you forever. God of new life:

**Hear our prayer.**

*Heavenly Father, grant that all who now celebrate these joyful holy days here on earth may finally praise you forever, with all the angels and saints in heaven. We ask this through your risen Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, 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.**

### **AN EASTER AFFIRMATION**

*The darkness of Good Friday is gone:*

**This day dawns brightly!**

*Christ is risen!*

**Hope is restored!**

*Christ is risen!*

**Death is conquered!**  
*Come, let us open our hearts and spirits to the joyous Good News!*  
**Let us celebrate the greatest victory of all.**

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

**IN CHRIST ALONE**

**In Christ alone my heart is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song.  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought & storm.**

**What heights of love,  
What depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled,  
When strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in all;  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless Babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones he came to save.**

**'Til on that Cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied,  
For every sin on him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground his body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave he rose again!**

**And as he stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am his and he is mine,  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, No fear in death,**

**This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.**

**No power of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from his hand;  
'Til he returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.**

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### **HYMNS & SONGS**

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

##### **LHS**

16 Hail to the Lord's Anointed  
90 Christ the Lord is risen again  
232 Rise, Thou light of gentile nations

##### **AT**

61 Hallelujah my Father  
125 Man more than man

##### **TIS**

194 O love how deep, how broad, how  
high  
275 Hail to the Lord's anointed  
355 Man more than man

761 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing  
791 O love how deep, how broad, how  
high

133 When Jesus came to earth from  
heaven  
227 Allelu!

365 Christ the Lord is risen again  
383 Joyful the morning when Jesus is  
risen  
387 Christ is alive ! Let Christians sing

#### **Second reading (a): 1 Corinthians 15:19-26**

##### **LHS**

90 Christ the Lord is risen again  
91 Christ the Lord is risen today  
93 Christ is arisen  
95 He is risen, He is risen  
99 Welcome, Thou Victor in the strife  
100 Awake, my heart, rejoicing  
101 Jesus lives! Thy terrors now

##### **AT**

171 Dying you destroyed our death

##### **TIS**

102 Hallelujah, hallelujah  
479 Jesus, my Redeemer, lives  
762 Make songs of joy to Christ, our  
head  
767 This joyful Eastertide  
769 With high delight let us unite

141 Praise to the holiest in the height  
216 Rejoice, the Lord is King  
359 Alleluia  
365 Christ the Lord is risen again  
366 Jesus, my Redeemer, lives  
372 Jesus lives! Your terrors now  
379 He is risen, he is risen!

### **Gospel(a): John 20:1-18**

#### **LHS**

88 Jesus Christ is risen today  
89 Christ Jesus lay in death's strong  
bands  
90 Christ the Lord is risen again  
91 Christ the Lord is risen today  
92 Christ the Lord is risen today  
96 Ere yet the dawn has filled the  
skies  
97 The strife is o'er

#### **AT**

15 Love has come again  
26 He is Lord  
160 Resurrection shout  
179 Come let us eat

#### **TIS**

361 The day of resurrection  
362 Jesus Christ is risen today  
364 Christ Jesus lay in death's strong  
bands  
365 Christ the Lord is risen again  
366 Jesus, my Redeemer, lives  
367 The strife is past, the battle done  
368 This is the day the Lord has made  
370 Christ the Lord is risen today  
372 Jesus lives! your terrors now  
375 Come let us with the Lord arise  
379 He is risen, he is risen!  
380 Yours be the glory  
382 Now the green blade rises  
388 Easter glory fills the sky

381 This joyful Eastertide  
386 By your kingly power, O risen Lord  
388 Easter glory fills the sky  
489 We know that Christ is raised and  
dies no more  
543 God's Paschal Lamb is sacrificed for  
us

101 Jesus lives! thy terrors now  
105 Good Christian men, rejoice and  
sing  
479 Jesus, my Redeemer, lives  
764 Now the green blade rises  
766 The Son is up  
768 We welcome glad Easter  
770 Yours is the glory

263 Singing all praises  
312 Celebrate  
346 Jesus is alive today  
437 I have seen the Lord

391 Come God's people, sing for joy  
660 Myrrh-bearing Mary