



CHURCH @ HOME SERVICE ORDER

**Sunday, 12 April
Second Sunday of Easter**



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

**Almighty God,
we have celebrated the festival
of our Lord's resurrection.
Lead us, by your goodness,
to bear its fruits in our lives.
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 SENTENCES

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! Alleluia!
**He has given us new birth through the resurrection of
Jesus Christ from the dead. Alleluia!** (1 Pet 1:3)

INVOCATION

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

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

**Crown Him with many crowns, the lamb upon the throne:
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own: awake my soul and sing
of Him who died for me, and hail Him as thy matchless king
through all eternity.**

**Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save:
His glories now we sing who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.**

**Crown him the Lord of peace, behold His hands and side:
those wounds yet visible above in beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward went His burning eye at mysteries so bright.**

**Crown Him the Lord of peace whose power a sceptre sways;
from pole to pole that wars may cease and all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end, and round His pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend, their fragrance ever sweet.**

**Crown Him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling sphere ineffably sublime.
All hail Redeemer, hail, for Thou has died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.**

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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.*

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

LORD HAVE MERCY

(spoken)

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

YOU ARE GLORIOUS

You are glorious.

**Ev'ry knee shall bow to one victorious,
now exalted to the highest place of all,
Every tongue confess that you are Lord of all,
Lord of all.**

**And we belong to you, we love your name,
the name above all other names
and Your glory is upon us now
as we worship you, King of Kings.**

You are glorious.

**Ev'ry knee shall bow to one victorious,
now exalted to the highest place of all,
Every tongue confess that you are Lord of all.
Lord of all.**

Sharny Russel

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray for faith in our risen Lord.

[silence]

**Merciful God,
your Son Jesus Christ
is the resurrection and the life,
who gives hope and joy
to those who doubt.**

**Give to us who do not see you
faith and life and blessing,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.**

Amen.

PSALM 16

*Keep me safe, my God,
for in you I take refuge.*

*I say to the Lord, 'You are my Lord;
apart from you I have no good thing.'*

I say of the holy people who are in the land,

'They are the noble ones in whom is all my delight.'

Those who run after other gods will suffer more and more.

**I will not pour out libations of blood to such gods
or take up their names on my lips.**

*Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup;
you make my lot secure.*

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;

surely I have a delightful inheritance.

*I will praise the Lord, who counsels me;
even at night my heart instructs me.*

I keep my eyes always on the Lord.

With him at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;

my body also will rest secure,

*because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,
nor will you let your faithful one see decay.*

You make known to me the path of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence,
with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

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

BIBLE READING

Acts 2:14a, 22-32: Peter gives witness that God raised Jesus

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: ‘Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ‘Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. David said about him: “‘I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest in hope, because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, you will not let your holy one see decay. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.” ‘Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it.

After the reading

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

1 Peter 1:3-9: New birth through the resurrection of Christ

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith – of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire – may result in praise, glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

After the reading
This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

John 20:19-31: Thomas sees the risen Christ and believes

Before the reading
Glory be to You, O LORD.

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, 'Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.' And with that he breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.' Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord!' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.' Thomas said to him, 'My Lord and my God!' Then Jesus told him, 'Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.' Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

After the reading
This is the gospel of the LORD.

Praise be to You, O Christ.

IN YOU IS GLADNESS

**In you is gladness, in all our sadness,
Jesus, joy of every heart;
by you are given blessings from heaven,
true Redeemer, our delight.
Our sins you've taken, our bonds you've broken;
trusting you surely, we build securely,
we stand forever, Hallelujah!**

**Our hearts are turning to you with yearning,
on you relying, living or dying,
we're yours forever. Hallelujah!**

**In you is calmness; nothing can harm us:
world, or death, or Satan's plans.
In our distresses you see and bless us;
you have all things in your hands.
Our heart rejoices, we lift our voices,
singing your glory, telling your story
now and forever. Hallelujah!**

**With adoration, in celebration,
we love and praise you, eagerly raise you
glad hymns forever. Hallelujah!**

H. F. Proeve and David Schubert

MESSAGE

At this point you may wish to watch the Sermon.
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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 there 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**

ONLY A HOLY GOD

**Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?
Who else could make every king bow down?
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?
Only a Holy God!**

**What other beauty demands such praises?
What other splendour outshines the sun?
What other majesty rules with justice?
Only a Holy God!**

**Come and behold Him –
the One and the Only.
Cry out, sing holy;
forever a Holy God.
Come and worship the Holy God!**

**What other glory consumes like fire?
What other power can raise the dead?
What other name remains undefeated?
Only a Holy God!**

**Come and behold Him –
the One and the Only.
Cry out, sing holy;
forever a Holy God.
Come and worship the Holy God!**

**Who else could rescue me from my failing?
Who else would offer His only Son?
Who else invites me to call Him Father?
Only a Holy God! Only my Holy God!**

**Come and behold Him –
the One and the Only.
Cry out, sing holy;
forever a Holy God.
Come and worship the Holy God!
Come and worship the Holy God!**

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OFFERING PRAYER

**Living God,
let the resurrection of your Son transform our lives.
Make us bold in serving you
and bringing your good news to other people.
Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Therefore, let us come to him in the name of Jesus, to pray for all we need.

Heavenly Father, thank you for the presence of your risen Son among us. As he ministers to us through his precious word, convert hearts and minds to faith. Strengthen us in our Christian faith and life by the holy body and blood of Jesus.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Move all pastors to exercise the ministry of forgiveness with compassion and mercy, and lead those who receive your grace to strive daily to lead a holy life. Make us all eager to comfort one another with the good news of the gospel.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for people in mental anguish and racked by doubt in themselves or in you. And we pray for those who find no purpose in life. Give them peace, hope and confidence through the resurrection of Jesus.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Have mercy on those who live in areas where there is political or civil unrest. Bring peace where there is war, and healing where there is hatred. And move us to help as we are able.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Watch over those who are unwell in mind, body and spirit, and comfort those who mourn the loss of loved ones. Provide for all in need, including those known to us personally and whom we now name in our hearts...

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for God's guidance and blessings for all members and friends of our congregation. Today we pray for Rene; Trevor; Cynthia; Sigi; Jane & Graham. Please keep them strong in faith, active in love, and hopeful in all things.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

God of life, show us the risen Lord through your life-giving Spirit, so that we may be filled with faith to do the work you have given us to do. We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ, 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 TO SHARE

*May the Risen Lord Jesus replace your doubts with faith,
your worries with peace, and your sadness with joy.*

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your worries with peace, and your sadness with joy.**

MY HEART IS FILLED WITH THANKFULNESS

**My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who bore my pain;
who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again.
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness, and clothed me with His light,
and wrote His law of righteousness with power upon my heart.**

**My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who walks beside;
who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly;
Whose every promise is enough for every step I take,
sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.**

**My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who reigns above;
whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose every thought is love.
For every day I have on earth is given by the King.
So I will give my life, my all, to love and follow Him**

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