



## SERVICE ORDER

Sunday, 5 April 2026  
Easter Sunday



### WELCOME & OPENING SENTENCES

*Christ is risen!*

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*He has trampled down death by his death.*

**And through rising has given eternal life to us.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! 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.**

**Celebrate Jesus, the risen Lord!**

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

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

**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.**

Rae-Helen Fisendon  
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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

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.**

### HALLELUJAH, HALLELUJAH

**Hallelujah, hallelujah!**

**Hearts to heaven and voices raise;**

**sing to God a hymn of gladness,**

**sing to God a hymn of praise;**

**he who on the cross a victim**

**for the world's salvation bled,**

**Jesus Christ, the king of glory,**

**now has risen from the dead.**

**Hallelujah, hallelujah!**

**Glory be to God on high;**

**hallelujah to the Saviour,**

**who has gained the victory;**

**hallelujah to the Spirit,**

**fount of love and sanctity;**

**hallelujah, hallelujah**

**to the Triune Majesty!**

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## **GREETING AND 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**

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

Then Peter began to speak: 'I now realise how true it is that God does not show favouritism 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.**

**Colossians 3:1-4:** Your life is hidden with Christ in God

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your 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.**

**Matthew 28:1-10:** The first Easter morning

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

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. The angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: "He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him." Now I have told you.' So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. 'Greetings,' he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

*After the reading*  
*This is the gospel of the LORD.*  
**Praise be to You, O Christ.**

### **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!**

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

## GOD'S PEOPLE PRAY:

*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.**

We pray for God's guidance and blessings for all members and friends of our congregation. Today we pray for Gordon & Gill; Enid; Trudy & Charlie; Mike & Felicia; Barbara. Please keep them strong in faith, active in love, and hopeful in all things.

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless the families, students, and staff at all our Grace Places. Today we pray specially for GLPS Students Byron & Dorothea in Prep; Caleb & Teodor in Year 1; Lily & Frederick in Year 2; Isaiah, Karol & Elijah in Year 3; Grace in Year 5; Arabella, Veljko, Frank & Charlotte in Year 6 and staff members Tim G & Cassie T. Please provide for all their needs and guide them into your truth and love.

**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!**

## HERE IS LOVE

Here is love wide as the ocean  
Loving kindness as a flood  
When the Prince of Life our ransom  
Shed for us His precious blood  
Who His love will not remember  
Who can cease to sing His praise  
He can never be forgotten  
Throughout Heav'n's eternal days

On the mount of crucifixion  
Fountains opened deep and wide  
Through the floodgates of God's mercy  
Flowed a vast and gracious tide  
Grace and love like mighty rivers  
Poured incessant from above  
And Heaven's peace and perfect justice  
Kissed a guilty world in love

Oh how marvelous oh how glorious  
Is my Savior's love for me  
Oh how marvelous oh how glorious  
Is my Savior's love for me

Of Your fullness You are pouring  
Your great love on me anew  
Without measure full and boundless  
Drawing out my heart to You  
You alone will be my glory  
Nothing in the world I see  
You have cleansed and sanctified me  
You Yourself have set me free

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