Order of Service for Easter Sunday – 9th April 2023

Welcome to our All Age Celebration Service. David Rue will be leading and Tom Watts will be speaking this morning and we will be celebrating Holy Communion.

Welcome

Hallelujah! Christ is risen! ALL: He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

Song: 'Resurrection Hymn'

SEE WHAT A MORNING GLORIOUSLY BRIGHT

With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem Folded the grave-clothes tomb filled with light As the angels announce Christ is risen See God's salvation plan wrought in love Borne in pain paid in sacrifice Fulfilled in Christ the Man for He lives Christ is risen from the dead

See Mary weeping where is He laid As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb Hears a voice speaking calling her name It's the Master the Lord raised to life again The voice that spans the years Speaking life stirring hope bringing peace to us Will sound till He appears For He lives Christ is risen from the dead

One with the Father Ancient of Days Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty Honour and blessing glory and praise To the King crowned with pow'r and authority And we are raised with Him Death is dead love has won Christ has conquered And we shall reign with Him For He lives Christ is risen from the dead

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Reading: Luke 24:1-8 on page 1061

(David Rue to read as intro to confession)

Confession:

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord, we come to you in sorrow for our sins, and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength, and not by the power of your resurrection. In your mercy, forgive us. *ALL:* Lord, forgive us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes, as faithless and not believing. In your mercy, forgive us. *ALL:* Lord, forgive us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone, and doubted our home in heaven. In your mercy, forgive us. *ALL:* Lord, forgive us and help us.

ALL: Help us to lift our minds above earthly things and to set them on the risen Christ, that we may gladly serve Him all our days. Amen.

Holiday Club Drama

Song: 'All through history'

NOAH BUILT THE MOST ENORMOUS BOAT

That kept the birds and animals afloat The Lord was good the Lord was strong And Noah lived his life for Him

Moses led his people through the sea Taking them away from slavery The Lord was good the Lord was strong And Moses lived his life for Him

Oh thank You oh thank You That all through history You were faithful Thank You oh thank You That You are just the same When it comes to me When it comes to me

David fought Goliath and he won A humble shepherd boy became a king The Lord was good the Lord was strong And David lived his life for Him

Daniel was inside a lion's den But God brought him to safety once again The Lord was good the Lord was strong And Daniel lived his life for Him

Jesus died to take away our sin So we could get to know our God again The Lord is good the Lord is strong And we will live our lives for Him

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Prayers: Corinne Brixton

Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 on page 1156 (Abi Naidu)

Talk 1

Song: 'God showed us his love'

WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS

God showed us his love By sending us his own son Jesus died for us

God showed us his love When Jesus died for us While we were his enemies God showed us his love

How do we know what love is? God showed us his love By sending us his own Son Jesus died for us

God showed us his love When Jesus died for us While we were his enemies God showed us his love

While we were lost and without hope You rescued us with your great love

Why should we love each other? God showed us his love By sending us his own Son Jesus died for us

God showed us his love When Jesus died for us While we were his enemies God showed us his love

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Talk 2

Holy Communion

Song: '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

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

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

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Notices and closing prayer

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