

Order of Service for Easter Sunday – 31st March 2024

Welcome to our All Age Celebration Service.
Corinne Brixton will be leading and Tom Watts will be speaking.
This morning, we will be celebrating Holy Communion.

Welcome

Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

ALL: He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

Creed based on 1 Corinthians 15

Let us declare our faith
in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*All: Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe.
Amen.*

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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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, hear 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, hear us and help us.

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

ALL: Lord, hear 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.***

Song: 'When I was lost'

WHEN I WAS LOST, YOU CAME AND RESCUED ME:

reached down into the pit and lifted me.

O Lord, such love,

I was as far from you as I could be.

You know all the things I've ever done,
but Jesus' blood has cancelled ev'ry one.

O Lord, such grace to qualify me as your own.

*There is a new song in my mouth,
there is a deep cry in my heart,
a hymn of praise to Almighty God,
hallelujah!*

*And now I stand firm on this rock,
my life is hidden now with Christ in God.
The old has gone and the new has come,
hallelujah!
your love has lifted me.*

Now I have come into your family,
for the Son of God has died for me.

O Lord, such peace,

I am as loved by you as I could be.

In the full assurance of your love
now with ev'ry confidence we come.

O Lord, such joy to know that you delight in me.

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Prayers: Rue Family

Reading: Mark 16:1-8 on page 1023 (Logan Naidu)

Talk 1

Song: 'For God so loved the world'

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD

That He gave His only Son

And whoever believes in Him

Shall not die but have eternal life

L is for the love that He has for me
I am the reason He died on the tree
F is for forgiveness and now I am free
E is to enjoy being in His company

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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 (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

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

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