# Order of Service for Easter Sunday – 20th April 2025

# Welcome to our All Age Celebration Service. Corinne Brixton will be leading and Tom Watts will be speaking. This morning, we will also 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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Holiday Club sketch

# Song (video): 'Relentless love'

# 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. Prayers: The Stanton family

Reading: Matthew 27:62-28:15 on page 1000 (Hannah Rue)

Talk 1

# 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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#### Talk 2

#### **Holy Communion**

#### Song: 'O praise the name' (Anástasis)

### I CAST MY MIND TO CALVARY

Where Jesus bled and died for me I see His wounds His hands His feet My Saviour on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb The entrance sealed by heavy stone Messiah still and all alone

O praise the Name of the Lord our God O praise His Name forevermore For endless days we will sing Your praise Oh Lord oh Lord our God

Then on the third at break of dawn The Son of heaven rose again O trampled death where is your sting The angels roar for Christ the King

He shall return in robes of white The blazing sun shall pierce the night And I will rise among the saints My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

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Notices and closing prayer

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