

Easter Sunday Communion Service



The wonder of resurrection

Luke 24: 1 – 12
17th April 2022



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Welcome and notices

- Easter praise at 17:00
- Next Sunday 24th April
 - 10:30 service
 - 17:00 St George's Day parade Scout groups
- 27th Roger Hinton funeral at 15:00,
Colney Woodlands



Call to worship

Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!



‘Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. 30 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.



31 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. 32 God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it.' (Acts 2:29-32)

Songs

- Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it
- The greatest day in history
- All heaven declares



Jesus is Lord! Creation's
voice proclaims it



Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice
proclaims it,

For by His power each tree and
flower was planned and made.

Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it,
Sun, moon and stars in heaven cry,
'Jesus is Lord!'



Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!
Praise Him with hallelujahs for
Jesus is Lord!



Jesus is Lord! Yet from His throne eternal
In flesh He came to die in pain on
Calvary's tree.

Jesus is Lord! From Him all life
proceeding,

Yet gave His life a ransom thus setting us
free.



Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!
Praise Him with hallelujahs for
Jesus is Lord!



Jesus is Lord! O'er sin the mighty
conqueror,

From death He rose, and all His foes
shall own His name.

Jesus is Lord! God sent His Holy Spirit
To show by works of power that Jesus
is Lord.



Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!
Praise Him with hallelujahs for
Jesus is Lord!



The greatest day in history



The greatest day in history,
death is beaten, You have rescued me.
Sing it out: Jesus is alive.

The empty cross, the empty grave,
life eternal, You have won the day.
Shout it out: Jesus is alive, He's alive.



And oh, happy day, happy day,
You washed my sin away.
Oh, happy day, happy day,
I'll never be the same.
Forever I am changed.



When I stand in that place,
free at last, meeting face to face,
I am Yours, Jesus, You are mine.
Endless joy, perfect peace,
earthly pain finally will cease.
Celebrate, Jesus is alive, He's alive.



And oh, happy day, happy day,
You washed my sin away.
Oh, happy day, happy day,
I'll never be the same.
Forever I am changed.



Oh, what a glorious day,
what a glorious way
That You have saved me.
And oh, what a glorious day,
what a glorious name,
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.



And oh, happy day, happy day,
You washed my sin away.
Oh, happy day, happy day,
I'll never be the same.
Forever I am changed.



All heaven declares



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All heaven declares the glory of
the risen Lord.

Who can compare with the beauty
of the Lord?



Forever He will be the Lamb upon
the throne.

I gladly bow the knee and worship
Him alone.



I will proclaim the glory of the
risen Lord,
Who once was slain to
reconcile man to God.



Forever You will be the Lamb
upon the throne.

I gladly bow the knee and
worship You alone.



Opening prayer and confession

Glory to you, O God:

You raised Jesus from the grave,

Bringing us victory over death

and giving us eternal life.



Glory to you, O Christ:
For us and for our salvation
You overcame death
And opened the gate to
everlasting life.



**Glory to you, O Holy Spirit:
You lead us into the truth
And breathe new life into us.**

**Glory to you, Father, Son and Holy
Spirit,
Now and for ever. Amen.**



If we have fallen into despair.

Lord, forgive us.

If we have failed to hope in you,

Lord, forgive us.



If we have been fearful of death,
Lord, forgive us.

If we have forgotten the victory
of Christ,
Lord, forgive us.



Assurance of pardon

May the living God raise you from despair, give you victory over sin and set you free in Christ.

Amen.



All-age talk



Offertory prayer and prayer for the Sunday Club

Risen Lord, we come with all we
are and all we have, because you
gave all you are and all you have
through your death and
resurrection.



Bless now these gifts and bless each member of the Sunday Club that today of all days they may discover the wonder of your resurrection, to the glory of your holy name. **Amen.**



Luke 24: 1 - 12

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. 2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3 but



when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4 While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them.



5 In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? 6 He is not here; he has risen!



Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 7
“The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.””



8 Then they remembered his words.

9 When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. 10 It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James,



and the others with them who told this to the apostles. 11 But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. 12 Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb.



Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God



Reflection

Three days that changed the world (9)

The wonder of resurrection



Prayers of intercession

These are responsive prayers:

Lord, come in love

and roll away the stone.



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 for
ever. Amen.**



In Christ alone



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In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my
song;

This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought
and storm.



What heights of love, what depths
of peace,
when fears are stilled, when
strivings cease!

My Comforter, my All in All,
here in the love of Christ I stand.



In Christ alone! - who took on
flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to
save:



Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied –
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.



There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness
slain:

Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again!



And as He stands in victory
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine –
bought with the precious blood of
Christ.



No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.



No power of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!



The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said
“Peace be with you.”



The peace of the risen Christ be
always with you.

And also with you. Alleluia!



Holy Communion

The Lord is here

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our
God

**It is right to give thanks and
praise.**



Blessing and honour, glory and power, are rightly yours, all-gracious God. By your creative word you brought the world to birth; in your generous love you made the human family, that we might see your glory



and live for ever in your presence.
**Blessing and honour, glory and
power, are rightly yours, all-
gracious God.**



When we wandered from you in our sin you sought us with your steadfast love and did not give up on us. In the fullness of time you sent your Son to be our Saviour and Deliverer. Being fully human, he lived our life and died our death upon the cross.



for your love is stronger than death.

Blessing and honour, glory and power, are rightly yours, all-gracious God.



Therefore with angels and
archangels and with all the
company of heaven we bless and
praise your glorious name, saying:



**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your
glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.



**Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**



Blessed indeed is the Lord Jesus Christ who, at supper with his friends, took bread and gave you thanks, broke it, gave it to them and said: `Take this, all of you, and eat it. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'



When supper had ended, he took the cup and gave you thanks, gave it to them, and said: `Drink from it all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for everyone, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this is remembrance of me.'



**Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**



Therefore, Father, we celebrate this Passover of gladness; for as in Adam we die, so in Christ we shall all be made alive. Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise.



Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us the body and blood of Christ. Gather us, who share this feast, into the kingdom of your glory that with all your people in every time and place



we may praise and worship you forever. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Risen Saviour, in the power of the Holy Spirit, in the love of God our Father, to whom we give praise and glory forever. **Amen**



Breaking of Bread

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is
sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Alleluia!



Distribution of the bread and wine

We meet the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread. Let us draw near with faith.

The body of Christ broken for you.
The blood of Christ shed for you.



Prayer after communion

**God of our salvation, we thank you
for our communion with the risen
Christ
and with all who love him in earth
and heaven.**



**We pray that, strengthened by his
grace,
we may serve you faithfully all
our days;
through Jesus Christ our Risen
Lord. Amen.**



Thine be the glory



Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory thou o'er death
hast won.

Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone
away.

Kept the folded grave clothes where thy
body lay.



Thine be the glory
risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won.



Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and
gloom.

Let the church with gladness hymns of
triumph sing,

For her Lord now liveth, death has lost its
sting.



Thine be the glory
risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won.



No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince
of life;

Life is naught without thee: aid us in our
strife;

Make us more than conquerors, through
Thy deathless love;

bring us safe through Jordan to thy home
above.



Thine be the glory
risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won.



Closing prayer and blessing

Risen Lord, we worship and adore you, for in you we have life and hope now and for ever. We go in your name to declare the truth that you are risen from the dead.

Alleluia! Alleluia!



And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy
Spirit be among you and remain
with you always. **Amen.**



Go in peace to love and serve the
Lord

In the name of Christ. Amen.

