

# EASTER SUNDAY

Worship at home on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2021

**"He is Risen,  
He is Risen indeed"**



On the first day of the week, the disciples went to the tomb and they found the stone rolled away **Luke 24.1.**

*God has raised Jesus to life,  
we are all witnesses Acts 2*

During this time of worship we will spend time visualising Holy Communion.

## **And we pray**

God our Father, a new morning breaks. In your presence we begin to understand the energy of your Spirit and the power of your love.

Our hearts are warmed again.

On this Easter Day, we praise and adore you.

Easter morning tells us that you are alive; that nothing can separate us from your love. We join the countless number in heaven and earth who proclaim your victory Risen Jesus, nothing can hold You now from fulfilling Your work on earth. Lord Jesus, Saviour,

On this Easter Day, We praise and adore you.

Holy Spirit, in all that we do and say, help us to realise our partnership with you.

On this Easter Day, we praise and adore you.

AMEN

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER - Our Father.....**

### **LET'S SING OR SAY THIS HYMN**

Christ is alive; Let Christians sing,  
The cross stands empty to the sky  
Let streets and homes with praises ring  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die

Christ is alive! No longer bound  
To distant years in Palestine  
But saving, healing, here and now  
And touching every place and time

In every insult, rift and war,  
Where colour, scorn and wealth divide,  
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more  
And lives, where even hope has died

Women and men, in age and youth,  
Can feel the Spirit, hear the call  
And find the way, the life, the truth,  
Revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

Christ is alive and comes to bring  
Good news to this and every age  
Till earth and sky and oceans ring  
With joy, with justice, love and praise.

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**John 20 vs 19-21. On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said "Peace be with you!"**

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> day Jesus rose from the dead. On that same evening, He stood in the room where the frightened disciples were huddled together. Jesus first words were not to shame them for forgetting His promise, or to rebuke for running away, but "Shalom" - bringing the struggling and human disciples words of comfort and reassurance. And something else - he showed them the scars in his hands and on his side. Powerful proof of identity, and they were filled with joy.

Jesus then repeats - "peace be with you" and then 'sends' them, empowered by the Holy Spirit. They took on the challenge and turned the world upside down. The church grew up from the belief in the Resurrection of Jesus on this first Easter Sunday, and it changed unreliable followers into fearless evangelists (you can read about them in Acts). Nothing but a certainty in the forever presence of Jesus can explain this total immediate change in these ordinary folk.

Today is a special day to celebrate and remind ourselves that Jesus resurrection will have a similar effect on our lives. Peace amid turmoil, fears eased, anxieties calmed, focus from worry, and comfort beyond words, as we worship of One who conquered death by rising from the grave and is alive and active in the world for ever more.

**"KNOWING WHO'S WITH YOU  
IS BETTER THAN KNOWING  
WHERE YOU'RE GOING"**

Thank you Jesus for never leaving me

### Remembering Jesus presence we sing or say

Here is bread, here is wine  
Christ is with us, He is with us  
Break the bread, drink the wine,  
Christ is with us here.

*In this bread, there is healing  
In this cup there's life forever  
In this moment, by the Spirit  
Christ is with us here.*

### We now spend time visualising Jesus presence, offering us bread and wine, in HOLY COMMUNION together..



*Lord Jesus, we pause to be still, to breathe slowly, and to acknowledge your presence..*

We are physically present here Lord, heart, body, mind, soul. This Communion together with You is corporate and universal.....

We see in our minds Jesus standing before us.  
He looks at us and says.....

**"I came for the sick, for the hurting and hungry, and I am here for you.**

**The bread and wine I offer are not a prize or reward, they are food for your journey and medicine for your soul."**

We hold out our empty hands and imagine Jesus placing a piece of bread on them.....  
We pause as Jesus offers bread to others.....  
We bring our hands to our mouths and breathe in the gift of Christ's presence, meeting our brokenness with His brokenness.

Again Jesus looks at us and this time He says  
**"Come, take and drink the wine, the only condition is that you are present with me"**

We visualise Jesus placing the wine in our hands, and in the hands of others.  
We lift our hands to our mouth, breathing in His gift, and uniting ourselves with the suffering of the world.

Thank you Jesus Christ for your real presence, forgiveness, love, mercy, Grace.

We will keep taking, eating and drinking this mystery, until one day it dawns on us "I really am what I eat ..... I also am the body of Christ"

**AMEN**

### In the power of the resurrection we offer our prayers with God:-

- We pray in your love for the Church throughout the world, and those who minister to others in so many ways.

*May your whole church know your power*

-We remember in love the world You made  
Those who seek a fair and proper use of the world's resources, and those who strive for justice and peace.

*May the whole world be transformed by You*

-We remember those who suffer...

May all in need find comfort, strength and freedom in you, living Christ.

-We remember in love those who have died..

-We pray for ourselves, confident you know our whole selves.....

*Gracious God, we ask these prayers through Jesus Christ our risen Lord AMEN*

OUR OFFERING *We ask You to bless all we offer of ourselves & resources. AMEN*

### AND WE SING TOGETHER

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 hath lost its sting.

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;

Lead us in Thy triumph to Thy home above.

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