



## He Has Risen!

*“Why do you look for the living among the dead?”  
(Luke 24:5-6)*

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### Call to Worship

The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.  
This is the Lord's doing;  
it is marvellous in our eyes.  
This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**The Lord is God, and he has made  
his light to shine upon us.**

*(Ps 118:22-24, 27)*

Let us pray.

**Sovereign Lord, our Heavenly Father,  
it is our heart's desire, our deepest longing,  
to know you, to love you, and to worship you.  
It is our greatest pleasure,  
our highest privilege, our chief delight,  
to meet with you, the one true and living God,  
and experience your grace and favour.  
Grant us power by your Holy Spirit  
to worship you now, in spirit and in truth.**

**Amen.**

*(Valley of Vision)*

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## *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

"Christ the Lord is risen today," Alleluia!  
Sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high;  
Alleluia!  
Sing ye heav'ns, and earth, reply: Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once he died, our souls to save; Alleluia!  
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;  
Alleluia!  
Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids his rise; Alleluia!  
Christ hath opened Paradise. Alleluia!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n!  
Alleluia!  
Praise to thee by both be giv'n; Alleluia!  
Thee we greet triumphant now; Alleluia!  
Hail, the Resurrection Thou! Alleluia!

*Charles Wesley*

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## Confession and Assurance

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

*"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."*  
*(Matt 22:37-40)*

Have mercy on us, O God

**According to your unfailing love;  
According to your great compassion.**

If we say we have no sin,  
we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
If we confess our sins,  
God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins  
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*(1 John 1:8, 9)*

Therefore, let us confess our sins against God,  
and against our neighbour,  
first in silence and then aloud together.

*Please kneel or remain seated.*

## *Prayer of Confession*

Almighty and most merciful God,

**We confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean,  
And that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed;  
Not only in outward transgressions, but also in secret thoughts and desires  
that we are not able to understand, but which are all known to You.  
For this reason, we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy,  
Seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

## *Assurance of Pardon*

*"He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls." (1 Pet 2:24-25)*

## *Psalm 103 (Bless the Lord, My Inmost Being)*

Bless the Lord, my inmost being  
Lift up high his holy name  
Bless the Lord, all that's within me  
Ponder all his deeds of grace  
He forgives our great transgression  
Heals and lifts us from the grave  
Crowns our life with love and mercy  
Satisfies us all our days

He brings justice for the needy  
Makes them rise on eagle's wings  
He made known his ways to Moses  
Shows to Israel his deeds  
He is merciful and gracious  
Slow to anger, rich in love  
He will turn aside his anger  
Shower blessings from above

For as high as highest heaven  
Is the Lord's unending love  
Far as East is from the West, he  
Has removed our sins from us

Like a Father to his children  
He is merciful to us  
Shows compassion in our weakness  
He remembers we are dust

As for man, we bloom and flourish  
Like a flower of the grass  
Then we wither, then we perish  
All our days so quickly pass  
But God's love for those who fear him  
Will endure from age to age  
For our children and their children  
Those who walk in all his ways

He has set his throne in heaven  
All his purpose to fulfil  
Bless the Lord, O you his angels  
You who do his sovereign will  
Bless the Lord all you his servants  
You who tremble at his word  
Bless the Lord, all of creation  
O my soul now bless the Lord

## *Psalm 16 (Preserve Me, O God)*

Preserve me, O God,  
for in you I take refuge.

**I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord;  
I have no good apart from you.”**

As for the saints in the land,  
they are the excellent ones,  
in whom is all my delight.

**The sorrows of those who run after  
another god shall multiply; their drink  
offerings of blood I will not pour out or  
take their names on my lips.**

The Lord is my chosen portion  
and my cup; you hold my lot.

**The lines have fallen for me in  
pleasant places; indeed, I have a  
beautiful inheritance.**

I bless the Lord  
who gives me counsel;  
in the night also  
my heart instructs me.

**I have set the Lord  
always before me;  
because he is at my right hand,  
I shall not be shaken.**

Therefore my heart is glad,  
and my whole being rejoices;  
my flesh also dwells secure.

**For you will not abandon  
my soul to Sheol,  
or let your holy one  
see corruption.**

You make known to me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy;  
**at your right hand  
are pleasures for evermore.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit.

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and  
shall be forever, age after age.  
Amen!**

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## God's Word

*First Reading: 1 Cor 15:1-11, “Witnesses to the Resurrection”, p. 961*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Second Reading: Luke 24:1-51, p. 884*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Sermon: He Has Risen! (Mark Payne)*

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## *See What a Morning*

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 power 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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## *The Nicene Creed*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

### *Prayers of Intercession*

*After each petition:*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever.**

**Amen.**

# The Lord's Supper

## *Invitation to the Table*

*All baptised Christians who trust in the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and seek to lead a new life by God's mercies, are welcome at this table. If you do not profess faith in Christ, simply allow the bread and wine to pass by, and reflect on what is taking place.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Please join in saying the Sanctus ("The Holy", based on Isaiah 6:3)*

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

## *Prayer of Thanksgiving*

**Father, as we have received  
these gifts of bread and wine,  
you have fed us with the spiritual food  
of the body and blood  
of our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

**Thank you for assuring us of your goodness and love,  
and that we are members of his body.**

**Renew us by your Holy Spirit,  
unite us in the body of your Son,  
and bring us with all your people  
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

## *Gifts and Offerings*

Gifts and offerings may be placed in the offertory box at the back of the hall. "*Honour the LORD with your wealth and with the first-fruits of all your produce.*" (Prov 3:9)

## Psalm 22, (All Earth to Him)

*All earth to Him shall homage bring,  
The Lord of lords, and the King of kings.*

The ends of all the earth shall hear  
And turn unto the Lord in fear;  
All kindreds of the earth shall own  
And worship Him as God alone.

*All earth to Him shall homage bring,  
The Lord of lords, and the King of kings.*

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For His the kingdom, His of right,  
He rules the nations by His might;  
All earth to Him her homage brings,  
The Lord of lords, the King of kings.

*All earth to Him shall homage bring,  
The Lord of lords, and the King of kings.*

## Benediction

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

**In the Name of Christ,  
Amen.**

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**Please diarise and pray for the items below:**

| IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS                          |                       |                           |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Tue 19 <sup>th</sup> Apr                       | Tots & Toys           | 2 of 2 in Easter Holidays |
| No meeting Thu 21st Apr due to Easter holidays |                       |                           |
| Fri 22nd Apr                                   | Hope Explored         | 2 of 3                    |
| FURTHER AHEAD                                  |                       |                           |
| Thu 16 <sup>th</sup> June                      | Annual Church Meeting | Please diarise            |

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