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Sunday Morning Worship: Easter 4

Sunday 25th April 2021

Welcome and opening greeting

Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end,
Alpha and Omega. All time belongs to him, and all ages;
to him be glory and power, through every age and for ever. **Amen**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

This is the day the Lord has made!
All: We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Let us pray.

**All: Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful people,
and kindle in us the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

We say sorry to God:
A moment of silence

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.

We receive God's forgiveness

May the God of love and power,
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by His Spirit
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**All:
For forgiving us, Lord Jesus: Thank you.
For giving us a fresh start, Lord Jesus: Thank you.
For helping us next time things are hard, Lord Jesus:
Thank you.**

The Collect – the special prayer for today.

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep,
teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen

Bible Reading: Acts 4:5-12 - Marilyn Chamberlain



Talk: Will

We declare our faith in God

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

All: **We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

All: **We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

All: **We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

All: **This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen**

Prayers, concluding with 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.

Notices

The Blessing

God the Father,
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,
open to us who believe the gates of everlasting life. **Amen.**

God the Son,
who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory,
give us joy as we share the Easter faith. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,
who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord,
empower us and fill us with Christ's peace. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the
Holy Spirit be with us all now and for evermore. **Amen.**

He is not here. He is risen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

All: **In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, alleluia.**