

*The minister taking the service today
is Rev Liz Hull*



Forth he came at Easter,
like the risen grain,
he that for the three days
in the grave had lain,
back from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again,
like wheat that springs up green.

When our hearts are wintry,
grieving, or in pain,
then your touch can call us
back to life again,
fields of our hearts
that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again,
like wheat that springs up green.

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1. Welcome and Greeting

Alleluia, Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia !

2. Hymn (stand)

Now the green blade rises
from the buried grain,
wheat that in the dark earth
many days has lain;
love lives again,
that with the dead has been:
Love is come again,
like wheat that springs up green.

In the grave they laid him,
Love whom men had slain,
thinking that he never would awake again,
laid in the earth
like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again,
like wheat that springs up green.

3. Call to Penitence (sit or kneel)

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin
and be faithful to Christ. As we offer
ourselves to him in penitence and faith, we
renew our confidence and trust in his
mercy

Silence

Lord Jesus,
you have shown us the way to the Father:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus,
your word is a light to our path:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are the good shepherd,
leading us into everlasting life:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

God who is both power and love, forgive
you and free you from your sins, heal and
strengthen you by his Spirit and raise to
new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

4. Psalm 23

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd;
therefore can I lack nothing.
- 2 **He makes me lie down in green
pastures and leads me beside still
waters.**
- 3 He shall refresh my soul and guide me
in the paths of righteousness for his
name's sake.
- 4 **Though I walk through the valley of
the shadow of death, I will fear no
evil; for you are with me; your rod
and your staff, they comfort me.**
- 5 You spread a table before me in the
presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil
and my cup shall be full.
- 6 **Surely goodness and loving mercy
shall follow me all the days of my
life, and I will dwell in the house of
the Lord for ever.**

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**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, our sovereign and
shepherd, who brought again your Son
Jesus Christ from the valley of death,
comfort us with your protecting
presence, goodness and love, that we
also may come home and dwell with
him in your house for ever. **Amen.**

5. Reading - see *Rushen News* - (sit)

6. Hymn (stand)

I heard the voice of Jesus say:
'Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon my breast.'

I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn and sad,
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say:
'Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down and drink and live.'
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say:
'I am this dark world's Light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright.'

I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk,
till travelling days are done.

Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)

7. Reading - *see Rushen News - (sit)*

8. Sermon

9. Affirmation of Faith (*stand*)

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every
name: that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus
Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

cf Philippians 2.6-11

10. Intercessions (*sit or kneel*)

the prayers may end with

**Merciful Father,
accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

11. The Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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.**

12. Prayer for Today

*A period of silent prayer, then the Collect
is said and all respond Amen*

13. Hymn (*stand*)

Great is Thy faithfulness,
O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not,
Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be

*Great is Thy faithfulness,
great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me*

Summer and winter,
and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love
Great is Thy faithfulness,

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence
to cheer and to guide
Strength for today
and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine,
with ten thousand beside
Great is Thy faithfulness,

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14. The Blessing

Christ the good shepherd,
who laid down his life for
the sheep, draw us and all
who hear his voice, to be one flock
within one fold;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be with us for evermore. **Amen.**



15. The Sending Out

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.