

## **Order of Service for Easter Sunday 11th April, 2020**

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**

This is the day when our lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life. Throughout the world Christians celebrate the awesome power of God. As we hear his word and proclaim all that God has done, we can be confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him for ever.

*The Easter Candle is lit*

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,  
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds

The light of Christ

**Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

Let us pray that we may walk the risen life of Christ in glory.

Lord of all life and power,  
Who through the mighty resurrection of your Son  
Overcame the old order of sin and death  
To make all things new in him:  
Grant that we, being dead to sin  
And alive to you in Jesus Christ,  
May reign with him in glory;  
To whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
Be praise and honour; glory and might,  
Now and in all eternity.  
**Amen.**

On this day the Lord has acted;  
**We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

*Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*John 20:1-23a*

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Reflection*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,**

**Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**Born of the Virgin Mary,**

**Suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**Was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**He is seated at the right hand of the Father;**

**And he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**The holy catholic Church,**

**The communion of saints,**

**The forgiveness of sins,**

**The resurrection of the body,**

**And the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

Let us bring to the Father our prayers of intercession

Through Christ who gave himself for the life of the world.

Lord Jesus Christ, you taught us to love our neighbour, and to care for those in need as if we were caring for you. In this time of anxiety, give us strength to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick, and to assure the isolated of our love, and your love, for your name's sake.

**Amen.**

God of compassion be close to those who are ill, afraid, or in isolation. In their loneliness, be their consolation; in their anxiety, be their hope; in their darkness, be their light; through him who suffered alone on the cross, but reigns with you in glory, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

We pray especially at this time for all in our community who care for the sick and elderly in their homes, in hospital, hospice or in care and residential homes. We thank you for those who care for their neighbour and friend, those who administer online social media groups, and those who give their time to help others.

**Amen.**

In the sure and certain hope of the Resurrection to eternal life, we commend to God's merciful compassion all who have recently died, especially victims of Covid19. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

We remember all families bereaved at this time that they may know the comfort and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,  
Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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.**

**And lead us not into temptation;**

**But deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**The power, and the glory**

**For ever and ever.**

**Amen.**

*Conclusion*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**He has given us new life and hope by raising Jesus  
from the dead.**

God has claimed us as his own

**He has brought us out of darkness.**

**He has made us light to the world.**

**Alleluia. Christ is risen.**

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

May the blessing of God almighty,  
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
Be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**