

Call to worship

Leader: Rejoice, rejoice! The tomb is empty, what was dead is alive.

**All: You have turned our mourning into dancing!
You have taken away our funeral clothes
and re-clothed us in joy.
O Lord, our Lord,
we will give thanks to you forever!**



Leader: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

Leader: Darkness has been vanquished!

All: The brilliant light of hope has come!

Leader: Come, let us worship and celebrate the Good News!

All: Alleluia! Christ is risen, Amen!

Leader: Filled with His praises

All: We give thanks to the Risen Lord.

Leader: He is our Shepherd, and we are His sheep

All: We give thanks to the Risen Lord!

Leader: Stepping out boldly, we claim resurrection

All: We give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, Alleluia (Zoom Service)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2U1MuOCHon4>

Hymn (Live Service) Alleluia Sing to Jesus (Tune: Hyfrydol) Vs. 1 and 4

1. Alleluya sing to Jesus
His the sceptre His the throne

Alleluya his the triumph
His the victory alone
Hark the songs of peaceful Sion
Thunder like a mighty flood
Jesus out of every nation
Hath redeemed us by His blood

4. Alleluya king eternal
Thee the Lord of lords we own
Alleluya born of Mary
Earth thy footstool heaven thy throne
Thou within the veil hast entered
Robed in flesh our great High Priest
Thou earth both priest and victim
In the eucharistic feast

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Bible Reading: John 10:11-18 (NLT)

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

Mary was standing outside the tomb crying, and as she wept, she stooped and looked in. She saw two white-robed angels, one sitting at the head and the other at the foot of the place where the body of Jesus had been lying. “Dear woman, why are you crying?” the angels asked her.

“Because they have taken away my Lord,” she replied, “and I don’t know where they have put him.” She turned to leave and saw someone standing there. It was Jesus, but she didn’t recognize him. “Dear woman, why are you crying?” Jesus asked her. “Who are you looking for?”

She thought he was the gardener. “Sir,” she said, “if you have taken him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will go and get him.”

“Mary!” Jesus said. She turned to him and cried out, “Rabboni!” (which is Hebrew for “Teacher”). “Don’t cling to me,” Jesus said, “for I haven’t yet ascended to the Father. But go find my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene found the disciples and told them, “I have seen the Lord!” Then she gave them his message.

Easter for Kids (Live Service) – Jesus is alive

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tLTg3hvJCS0>

All Age prayer

An empty tomb. No sign of Jesus.
What are we to believe?
Jesus tells us 'on the third day I will rise again'.

And he did. And we are here,
because we trust in this truth.
We are here
because we believe it happened
as Jesus said it would.

We are glad
that death is defeated.
We are happy
to celebrate new life.

Thank you, Lord Jesus,
for all you have done
and all you still do.

Thank you for loving us
so much you were
willing to face death itself.

Thank you, God,
for your never-ending love
which holds us and
invites us into a relationship
with you today and every day.

Hallelujah! Jesus is risen - Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Song (Live Service): Alive, alive, alive forever more x2

Chorus

Alive alive alive forevermore
My Jesus is alive alive forevermore
Alive alive alive forevermore

My Jesus is alive

Ending

Sing hallelujah sing hallelujah
My Jesus is alive forevermore
Sing hallelujah sing hallelujah
My Jesus is alive
Jesus He is alive Jesus is alive

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Reflection: He is risen - Love Wins

**We join Mary Magdalene at Jesus' tomb -
in a prayer entitled, 'Jesus is risen'.**

Let us pray

Where is my Lord? They have taken Him away.

All I see is a tomb, a place that is empty. And just when I need Him, and long for his voice, even His body would not wait for my tears. Shut away in a box, He has conquered their coffin. Shut away in a book, He fulfils, the Living Word. Shut away in our concepts, He shatters such shackles. No prison can hold Him; no tomb can thwart God's miracle. His life is our liberty; His life changed my life. No dying can rob me of what He has given; once blind, now I see. Hallelujah! His promise: 'in the day when the hearts of men fail them for fear, then look up, little flock, your redemption draws near.'



Let all creation give thanks to the Risen Lord.

We give thanks to the Risen Lord!

Filled with His praises

We give thanks to the Risen Lord.

He is our Shepherd, and we are His sheep

We give thanks to the Risen Lord!

Stepping out boldly, we claim resurrection

We give thanks to the risen Lord.

Prayers of intercession

Love wins. Always. Hallelujah, praise the Lord! Thank you, Lord Jesus, for reminding us that love is the only way.

As we celebrate your resurrection today, we are glad to know your presence. But as we celebrate, we remember the people who are persecuted for their faith, who worship in secret, who live in fear of discovery and imprisonment all because of their faith. Lord, we lift them before you and ask for your protection of them.

As we celebrate, we remember the people who are still to discover who you are and that they are loved and called, by you, to love others in return. Lord, we lift them before you and ask that they would come to know you soon.

As we celebrate, we remember the people who are struggling to keep their faith as they drown in stress and anxiety, as they exhaust themselves surviving each day. Lord, we lift them before you now and ask that they might know your comfort and support.

As we celebrate, we remember the people who are seeking faith, who are dipping their toes into different traditions and ways of finding you, and who long to know you more.

Lord, we lift them before you and hope they would find you and come to love you. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers today and give us patience and faith to trust that they will be answered. Amen.

Song (Live Service): Because He Lives, I can face tomorrow

1. God sent His son, they called Him Jesus
He came to love, heal and forgive
He lived and died to buy my pardon
An empty grave is there to prove my saviour lives

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow
Because He lives, all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future
And life is worth the living, just because He lives

2. How sweet to hold a new-born baby
And feel the pride and joy He gives
But greater still the calm assurance
This child can face uncertain day, because He lives

**Because He lives, I can face tomorrow
Because He lives, all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future
And life is worth the living, just because He lives**

3. And then one day, I'll cross the river
I'll fight life's final war with pain
And then, as death gives way to victory
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He reigns

**Because He lives, I can face tomorrow
Because He lives, all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future
And life is worth the living, just because He lives
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Closing hymn (Zoom Service) Thine be the glory

Ferryhill Parish Church https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BH_ItXIHgHQ

Final prayer/ benediction

Resurrection shakes the sleeping into life, brings life from death, gives vision to the visionless. Resurrection calls us to go and do God's work in the world, to bring light to the darkness, to bring hope to the hopeless, to be the voice of the voiceless.

And may we say "Amen!" And may we shout "Amen!" May we proclaim the amen we have been unable to say last week:

"Amen!"

"Amen!"

"AMEN!"