



**April 4th, 2021      9am**

**Service Order**

**SONG: LH 88 “Jesus Christ is risen today”**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_6sj9ljVsfk&t=32s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_6sj9ljVsfk&t=32s)

**Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ our heavenly king, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

**But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
Now above the sky He’s king, Alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**

*Words: ‘Lyra Davidica’, 1708  
and John Arnold’s ‘Compleat psalmodist’, 1749  
Revised Tate and Brady’s ‘Supplement’ 1816  
Music: ‘Lyra Davidica’, 1708  
ad J Arnold’s ‘Compleat Psalmodist’, 1749*

**OPENING & WELCOME:**

L: We begin our worship time this morning in God’s name:  
in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

L: Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed!**

L: Thanks be to God

C: **Who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!**

L: Welcome to our time of celebration this morning as we rejoice  
in the fact that our Lord Jesus is not dead but alive.

Please turn to those near you and greet them with the  
traditional Easter greeting, “Christ is risen”, and the reply,  
“He is risen indeed”

## **WE CONFESS; HE FORGIVES**

**All: Dear Father, we come before you now to ask for your forgiveness. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have failed to do. We have not loved you with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbour as ourselves ourselves. We deserve your eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we might be your people in this world.**

**P: God has had mercy on us. He loves us, and has given his Son to suffer and to die for us. So, by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Peace be with you!**

**C: Amen.**

## **SONG OF PRAISE: LHS 770 “Yours is the glory”**

<https://youtu.be/RbBOOmKMLmI?t=3>

**Yours is the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory over death you won;  
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where your body lay:**

***Yours is the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory over death you won.***

**See, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for her Lord is living, death has lost its sting:**

**No more we doubt you, glorious Prince of life;  
life is nought without you: aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conquerors through your deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to your home above:**

*Words: Edmond Louis Budry 1854-1932  
Music: George Frederick Handel 1685-1759 (1746)*

**THEME OF THE DAY:** John 20:1 – 29  
“In the midst of death, we are in life!”

**BIBLE READING:**

Isaiah 25:6 – 9

Acts 10:34 – 43

*After the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading:*

Reader: Christ is risen!

Congregation response: He is risen indeed.

**GOSPEL READING:** John 20:1 – 29

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE:** Reminders of Easter Sunday

- \* What have I got here?

*A hot cross bun again (see Slide 1).*

I showed you one of these on Good Friday, and we had some after the service on Friday. And we’re going to have some more this morning.... Who likes hot cross buns?

*I do ☺*

- \* I’m talking about hot cross buns, because I think that they remind us not only of what happened on that first Good Friday, but also of what happened on Easter Sunday.
- \* What does the cross on the bun remind us of?  
*That Jesus died on a cross.*

Why did Jesus die on the cross?

*He did it “for us”, out of love for us.*

*He suffered and died for the all the bad things that we’ve done or even will do. Through Jesus, we have God’s forgiveness as we trust in him as our Saviour.*

- \* And what does the shape of the bun remind us of?  
*The big round stone that was placed in front of Jesus tomb.*
- \* And one more thing about the hot cross bun.... It has spices in it to make it taste nice.

- \* What do the spices remind us of?  
*These spices remind of the spices that the women took to the tomb on Easter Sunday morning to anoint Jesus' body (see slide 2).*
- \* I have here a second reminder of what happened on Easter Sunday. It's an Easter Egg. Shall we break it and see what's inside it? What's inside it? *(See Slide 3).*  
*Nothing, it's empty. It reminds us that on Easter Sunday morning the women found the tomb empty.*
- \* Who's that a picture of? *(see Slide 4).*  
*Mary Magdalene, one of the women.*

Do you remember what happened?

Mary went and told Peter and John that the tomb was empty, and they came running to the tomb *(see Slide 5).*

After they had left, who did Mary see alive again? *(see Slide 6)*

*Jesus!!!*

And later that same day, on the first Easter Sunday, Jesus appeared to all the disciples in an upper room in Jerusalem *(see slide 7).*

Jesus was alive again!!

- \* Do you know what else reminds us of Easter Sunday, and what it's about? What do Easter eggs remind you of?  
*New life! (see slide 9).*

Just as chickens hatch out of fertilised eggs, so Jesus came out of his tomb *alive!!*

Let's sing about what happened on Easter Sunday using just the last two verses from "He died upon the cross". We'll sing the first two verses on Good Friday....

**CHILDREN'S SONG:** "He died upon the cross" by Colin Buchanan  
[https://youtu.be/9\\_LUVNqWs0M?t=65](https://youtu.be/9_LUVNqWs0M?t=65)

## **WE BELIEVE:**

P: Let us confess to God and one another what we believe in the words of the Nicene Creed:

**All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of 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 of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became truly human. 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 Christian 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.**

## **MESSAGE:**

John 20:1 – 29

“In the midst of death, we are in life!”

Click [HERE](#) to view the message on YouTube

## **OFFERING:**

***SONG: “Christ is risen, He is risen indeed”***

<https://youtu.be/8yAECMpHgfU?t=4>

**How can it be the One who died  
Has borne our sin through sacrifice  
To conquer every sting of death  
Sing sing hallelujah  
For joy awakes as dawning light  
When Christ's disciples lift their eyes  
Alive He stands their Friend and King  
Christ Christ He is risen**

*Chorus 1*

**Christ is risen He is risen indeed  
Oh sing hallelujah  
Join the chorus sing with the redeemed  
Christ is risen He is risen indeed**

**Where doubt and darkness once had been  
They saw Him and their hearts believed  
But blessed are those who have not seen  
Yet sing hallelujah**

**Once bound by fear now bold in faith  
They preached the truth and power of grace  
And pouring out their lives they gained  
Life life everlasting**

*Chorus*

**The power that raised Him from the grave  
Now works in us to powerfully save  
He frees our hearts to live His grace  
Go tell of His goodness**

*Chorus x2*

*(Ending)*

**He is risen  
He's alive He's alive  
Heaven's gates are opened wide  
He's alive He's alive  
Now in heaven glorified**

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**OFFERING PRAYER:**

**P:** Let us give our thanks to God:

**C:** **Gracious Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given to us: ourselves, our time, and our possessions - signs of your goodness and symbols of our love. Receive them for the sake of him who suffered and died for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## EASTER SUNDAY PRAYERS

1. We give thanks, God our Father, for your glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus, our Saviour and Lord, from the dead:  
for his victory over sin and the grave;  
for his risen presence in our daily lives;  
for his promise of life eternal with him.

Accept our praise, and help us to trust in Jesus as our Saviour, and to follow him who died for us, rose again, and is alive for evermore.  
Amen.

2. Risen Lord Jesus, as Mary Magdalene met with you in the garden on the morning of the resurrection, so may we meet with you as we worship on this Easter day.

Speak to our hearts, as you spoke to her, by name.  
Reveal yourself to us as the living Lord.  
Renew our hope and rekindle our joy;  
And commission us to go and share the  
good news with others.

We ask this in your name, to whom be glory for evermore.  
Amen.

3. We give thanks to you, heavenly Father  
for giving us, in your great mercy,  
new life by raising Jesus Christ from death,  
and filling us with a living hope.  
Let us finally possess the rich blessings  
that you keep for your people in heaven,  
where they cannot decay or spoil or fade away.  
And keep us in faith by your power  
for the salvation which is ready to be revealed  
at the end of time.

To you be the power and the glory for ever.  
Amen.

## **LORD'S PRAYER:**

**P:** Let's pray together the prayer that our Lord Jesus taught us.

**C:** **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.**

## **BLESSING:**

**P:** The Lord bless you and watch over you;  
the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
the Lord look kindly on you and give you peace.

**C:** **Amen.**

## **SONG: LH97 "The strife is o'er"**

<https://youtu.be/h9-FCgn-buw>

**The strife is o'er, the battle done;  
Now is the Victor's triumph won;  
O let the song of praise be sung.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,  
But Jesus hath His foes dispersed;  
Let shouts of praise and joy outburst.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**On the third morn He rose again  
Glorious in majesty to reign;  
O let us swell the joyful strain.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**He broke the bonds of death and hell;  
The bars from heaven's high portals fell;  
Let hymns of joy His triumph tell.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee,  
From death's dread sting Thy servants free,  
That we may live, and sing to Thee.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*Finita iam sunt praelia  
'Symphonia Sirenum' (Cologne)  
Tr Francis Pott, 1859*



**Christ is risen!  
He is risen indeed!**