

Easter Sunday Worship

You might like to have a candle ready to use during this service

Welcoming the Easter Candle

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.

A minister lights the Easter Candle and proclaims

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

This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ was raised gloriously from the dead, crushing the power of sin and destroying the sting of death. Throughout the world Christians celebrate the mighty power of God as Christ calls us out of darkness to share in his marvellous light. May we, and all Christ's people, shine as lights in the world to the glory of God the Father.

The light of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

You are invited to light a candle at home

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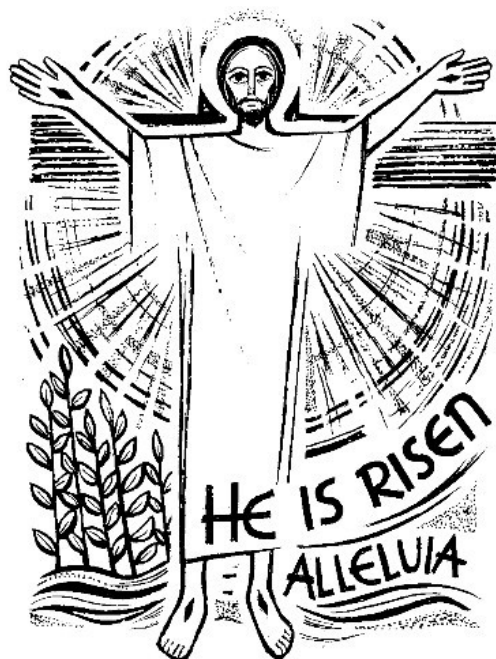
Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:
he has given us new life and hope
by raising Jesus from the dead.

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Prayers of Penitence

This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life. Throughout the world Christians celebrate the awesome power of God. So as we meet to worship this morning let us rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

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.

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.

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We have lived for this world alone,
and doubted our home in heaven.
In your mercy, forgive us.

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Absolution

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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Gloria in Excelsis

**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.**

The Collect

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

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Acts 10. 34-43
Matthew 28. 1-10

Sermon

The Renewal of Baptismal Faith

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember that through the paschal mystery we have died and been buried with him in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life within the family of his Church. Now that we have completed our observance of Lent, we renew the promises made at our baptism, affirming our allegiance to Christ, and our rejection of all that is evil. Therefore I ask:

Do you turn away from sin?

I do.

Do you reject evil?

I do.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I do.

Do you trust in him as Lord?

I do.

Praise God who made heaven and earth, who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, who made all things?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ, who redeemed the world?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

We believe and trust in one God:

Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples
and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

We Give Thanks for God's Gifts

God of life, saviour of the poor,
receive with money we have given,
gratitude for your goodness,
penitence for our pride
and dedication to your service
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
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.**

We Take Part in Spiritual Communion

Loving God, we give thanks for the saving death and resurrection of Jesus,
and we ask you to be close to us just now.

**Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now
receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more
clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day.
Amen.**

Final Responses

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God has claimed us as his own.

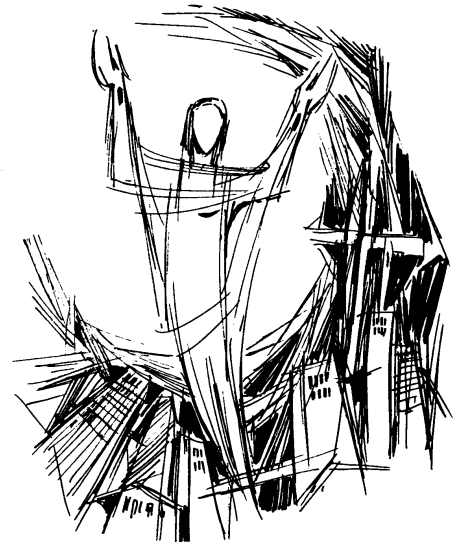
**He has brought us out of darkness.
He has made us light to the world.**

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Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.



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