

Worship in Song

What is our hope in life and death
Come people of the risen Lord

Welcome

Easter Greeting

Hallelujah. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Hallelujah!

Special Prayer for Today

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.

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See, what a morning, gloriously bright,
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
Folded, the grave-clothes,
Tomb filled with light,
As the angels announce Christ is risen.
See God's salvation plan,
Wrought in love, borne in pain,
Paid in sacrifice,
Fulfilled in Christ the Man,
For He lives, Christ is risen from the dead.

See Mary weeping, 'Where is He laid?'
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;
Hears a voice speaking,
Calling her name;
It's the Master, the Lord raised to life again.
The voice that spans the years,
Speaking life, stirring hope,
Bringing peace to us,
Will sound till he appears,
For he lives, Christ is risen from the dead.

One with the Father, Ancient of Days,
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty;
Honour and blessing, glory and praise
To the King crowned with power and authority.
And we are raised with him,
Death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered;
And we shall reign with him,
For he lives, Christ is risen from the dead.

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

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

But the pains which he endured, hallelujah.
Our salvation have procured, hallelujah.
Now in heaven above he's king, hallelujah.
Where the angels ever sing, hallelujah.

The Easter Story (Video)

Children's song

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Jesus Christ is now alive
(children go to the hall)

Bible Reading

John 20.1-18 (Church Bible p906)

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Creed

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures; he was buried; he was raised to life on the third day in accordance with the

scriptures; afterwards he appeared to his followers, and to all the apostles: this we have received, and this we believe. Amen.

Prayer for the Church Militant

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(children return from hall)

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My comforter, my all in all,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till he returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

Children's Talk

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.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Extended time of sharing to meet someone they don't know and Easter Egg hunt for children

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He is Lord

Offertory Prayer

Everything in heaven and earth comes from you, Lord. We give you only what is yours. May you be praised forever and ever. Amen.

Confession

Hear the words of challenge and comfort our Saviour Christ says to all who follow him.
`If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.
(Luke 9:23-24)

Come to me all of you who are tired of carrying your heavy loads, and I will give you rest.
(Matthew 11:28)

So, all of you who repent of your sins, who love your neighbours and intend to lead a new life, following the way of Jesus, come with faith and take this holy sacrament to strengthen you.

Let us confess our sins to Almighty God:
Almighty God, creator of all, you marvellously made us in your image; but we have corrupted ourselves and damaged your likeness by rejecting your love and hurting our neighbours. We have done wrong and neglected to do right. We are sincerely sorry and heartily repent of our sins. Cleanse and forgive us by the sacrifice of your Son; remake us and lead us by your Spirit, the Comforter. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy

upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him. "Come unto me all that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you."

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Children help prepare the Lord's Table

The Prayer of Consecration

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death, until his coming again:

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood:

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me. Amen.

We receive communion

Song during Communion

I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds His hands His feet
My Saviour on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone

O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God

Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting
The angels roar for Christ the King

He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

Song during Communion

The strife is o'er, the battle done;
now is the Victor's triumph won;
O let the song of praise be sung:
Alleluia

Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,
and Jesus hath his foes dispersed;
let shouts of praise and joy outburst:
Alleluia.

On the third morn he rose again
glorious in majesty to reign;
O let us swell the joyful strain:
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

Extra song

Oh to see the dawn

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Prayer after Communion

God Most High, we thank you for welcoming us, teaching us and feeding us. We deserve nothing from you but in your great mercy, you have given us everything in your Son Jesus Christ. We love you and give ourselves to you to be sent out for your work; grant us your blessing, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A wooden cross is brought forward down the aisle

The people accompany the first three of the next responses with a sweep of the arm towards the cross, and their final response with a sweep towards heaven.

All our problems

We send to the cross of Christ.

All our difficulties

We send to the cross of Christ.

All the devil's works

We send to the cross of Christ.

All our hopes

We set on the risen Christ.

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Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away
Kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! 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 now liveth; death hath lost its sting.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life
Life is nought without thee; aid us in our strife
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

Blessing

Christ the Sun of Righteousness, shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before our path. Go from here as witnesses of what you have seen and heard. Share God's love with those you meet. Bring hope to those who are in despair. Live lives of gratitude and praise. And may the love of God, the peace of Jesus Christ, and the ongoing presence of the Holy Spirit be within you and among you until we meet again. **Amen.**

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Music as we leave

The head that once was crowned with thorns