

**Worship in Song** (*Music Group start 10.20*)

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

**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.**

**Worship in Song**

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.

**Worship in Song**

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** (*Lego video*)

**Children's song**

My lighthouse

**Bible Reading**

John 20.1-18 (*Church Bible p906*)

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ**

**Sermon**

**Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all 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 from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. 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 catholic 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.**

### ***Prayer for the Church Militant***

#### ***Worship in Song***

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom  
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace  
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side the Saviour he will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need his power is displayed  
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley he will lead  
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven  
The future sure the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And he was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For he has said that he will bring me home  
And day by day I know he will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne  
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to him  
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

#### ***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*

#### ***Offertory Prayer (children bring plate forward)***

**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*

#### ***Worship in Song***

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,  
and 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

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

#### ***Worship in Song***

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

### ***Extra songs***

Oh to see the dawn  
Great is he like none before

### ***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.**

*Three families bring forward a wooden cross*

*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. /*

*Family 1:* All our problems  
**All: We send to the cross of Christ.**

*Family 2:* All our difficulties  
**All: We send to the cross of Christ.**

*Family 3:* All the devil's works  
**All: We send to the cross of Christ.**

All our hopes  
**We set on the risen Christ.**

### ***Worship in Song***

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:***

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