

Worship in Song (as people arrive)

What is our hope in life and death

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.

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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 Lego Easter Story - video

Children's song

He has risen *(at the end children go to the hall)*

Bible Reading

John 20.1-18 *(Church Bible page 906)*

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Worship in Song (children return from hall)

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

Prayer for the Church Militant

Notices

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 and Easter Egg hunt

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He is Lord

(to conclude The Peace during which children gather in front of Lord's table below the chancel steps)

Children help prepare the Lord's Table

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.

Come to me all of you who are tired of carrying your heavy loads, and I will give you rest.

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.

Children's Song

We all, like sheep

Declaration of God's forgiveness

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.

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

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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

Worship in Song

Man of sorrows Lamb of God
By his own betrayed
The sin of man and wrath of God
Has been on Jesus laid

Silent as he stood accused
Beaten mocked and scorned
Bowing to the Father's will
He took a crown of thorns

Oh that rugged cross my salvation
Where your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out hallelujah
Praise and honour unto thee

Sent of heaven God's own Son
To purchase and redeem
And reconcile the very ones
Who nailed him to that tree

Bridge

Now my debt is paid, it is paid in full
By the precious blood, that my Jesus spilled
Now the curse of sin has no hold on me
Whom the Son sets free oh is free indeed

See the stone is rolled away
Behold the empty tomb
Hallelujah God be praised
He's risen from the grave

Worship in Song

God so loved, that he gave his Son
To lay down his life for the sake of us
He bore the weight of our sin and shame
With a cry he said, 'It is finished'
Christ the Lord overcame the darkness
He's alive, death has been defeated

For he made us a way
By which we have been saved
He's the Saviour of the world
So we lift up a shout for his fame and renown
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord
Jesus, Saviour of the world

We must spread the word of his soon return
To reclaim the world for his glory
Let the church now sing of this coming King
Crowned with majesty, our Redeemer
And he reigns, ruler of the heavens
And his name is Jesus, the Messiah

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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. 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.

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.

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

Hymn as we leave:

Come people of the risen King