



Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

Easter Sunday

10.30am All Age Communion Service

John 20 : 1 – 9

Welcome and Introduction

Easter Greeting

We are risen with Christ      **the Lord is risen!**  
Eternal life is ours            **the Lord is risen!**  
Death has met its master      **the Lord is risen!**  
The way to heaven is open    **the Lord is risen!**  
He is risen indeed              **Alleluia! Amen.**

**Song :            Come people of the risen King**

Sharing time

Prayer of confession

O 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:

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

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

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

**Lift our minds above earthly things, set them on things above; show us your glory and your power, that we may serve you gladly all our days. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Creed

**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.**

Bible Reading John 20 : 1 – 9

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. <sup>2</sup>So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!'

<sup>3</sup>So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. <sup>4</sup>Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, <sup>7</sup>as well as the cloth that had been wrapped round Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. <sup>8</sup>Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. <sup>9</sup>(They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)

Talk :            Easter Sunday – The problem of sin solved

**Song :            Love divine, all loves excelling**

Eucharistic Prayer :

Leader : The Lord is here **His Spirit is with us.**

Leader : Lift up your hearts **We lift them up to the Lord**

Leader : Let us give thanks to the Lord our God **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Leader : It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.

**All : You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

Leader : In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

**All : He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

Leader : On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

**All : Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life.**

Leader : At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks and said:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

**All : Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.**

Leader : As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**All : As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

Leader : With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**All : Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader : We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All : Though we are many, we are one body because we all share in one bread.**

**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 forever. Amen.**

Distribution of Communion

**Songs during Communion : The Father's Song (I have heard)  
O praise the name (Anastasis)**

Prayer after Communion.

**All : Lord we have broken your bread and received your life by the power of your Spirit keep us always in your love through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

**Song : The greatest day in history (Happy Day)**

Blessing

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**