



Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Easter Sunday

10.30am All Age Communion Service

Mark 16:1 - 8

Welcome and Introduction

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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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**Song : Resurrection Hymn**

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.**

May the Father of all mercies

cleanse *us* from *our* sins,

and restore *us* in his image

to the praise and glory of his name,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Bible Reading Mark 16:1 – 8

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. <sup>2</sup>Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb <sup>3</sup>and they asked each other, 'Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?'

<sup>4</sup>But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

<sup>6</sup>'Don't be alarmed,' he said. 'You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter, "He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you."'

<sup>8</sup>Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

Talk : Who is Jesus? The one who rises again as he promised

**Prayers of intercession**

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**All and also with you.**

**Song : King of Kings**

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 : When I survey the wondrous cross  
How great is our God**

Prayer after Communion.

**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 : Happy Day**

Blessing

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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