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ALL AGE EASTER COMMUNION SERVICE

Rev Rob Powell will be leading, presiding, and preaching on
'Easter Celebration' (Luke 24:1-12)

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

 **HE HAS RISEN, HE HAS RISEN**
He has risen, Jesus is alive

When the life flowed from His body
Seemed like Jesus' mission failed
But His sacrifice accomplished
Victory over sin and hell

In the grave God did not leave Him
For His body to decay
Raised to life the great awakening
Satan's power He overcame

If there were no resurrection
We ourselves could not be raised
But the Son of God is living
So our hope is not in vain

When the Lord rides out of heaven
Mighty angels at His side
They will sound the final trumpet
From the grave we shall arise

He has given life immortal
We shall see Him face to face
Through eternity we'll praise Him
Christ the Champion of our faith

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 **HOW GREAT THE CHASM THAT LAY
BETWEEN US**

How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness
Your loving-Kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished, the end is written

Jesus Christ my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom
Such boundless grace
The God of ages
Stepped down from Glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven
The King of Kings calls me His own
Beautiful Saviour, I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope.

*Hallelujah praise the One
Who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope*

Then came the morning
That sealed the Promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me.
(Repeat)

Jesus Yours is the victory!

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RESPONSIVE PRAISE

People say that God is dead,
Let us praise the risen Lord

We know we can shout instead
Let us praise the risen Lord

Peter looked inside the tomb
Let us praise the risen Lord

Left confused and full of gloom

Let us praise the risen Lord

Jesus came to him to say

Let us praise the risen Lord

'I'm alive! It's Easter Day!'

Let us praise the risen Lord

'God is dead' just isn't true

Let us praise the risen Lord

I believe that! How about you?

Let us praise the risen Lord

Amen

CONFESSION

Because Jesus has risen to life, sin has lost its power to keep us away from God. So, let us tell God we are sorry for our sins, in certainty that he will forgive us and welcome us as his friends. Because Jesus has risen:

Forgive us, Lord, we pray.

Let us confess the wrong things we have done. Because Jesus has risen:

Forgive us, Lord, we pray.

Let us confess the wrong things we have said. Because Jesus has risen:

Forgive us, Lord, we pray.

Let us confess the wrong things we have thought. Because Jesus has risen:

Forgive us, Lord, we pray.

And let us confess the good things we have failed to do, say and think. Because Jesus has risen:

Forgive us, Lord, we pray.

Amen.

ABSOLUTION

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

ACTION SONG



1,2,3, JESUS IS ALIVE

1,2,3, Jesus is alive

He died for you and me

But on day three

Jesus rose again

Jesus is alive

For God loved the world

So He gave His Son

Jesus is our friend

He loves everyone.

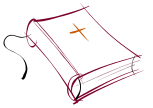
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TIME IN THE WORD

The Bible Reading is Luke 24:1-12

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



QUIZ

TALK

THE PEACE (we share the sign of the peace)



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

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

(Repeat)

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

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THE COMMUNION PRAYER



The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Almighty God, good Father to us all,
your face is turned towards your world.
In love you gave us Jesus your Son
to rescue us from sin and death.
Your Word goes out to call us home to
the city where angels sing your praise.
We join with them in heaven's song;

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

Father of all, we give you thanks for
every gift that comes from heaven.
To the darkness Jesus came as your light.
With signs of faith and words of hope
he touched untouchables with love and
washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.

**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

The crowds came out to see your Son,
yet at the end they turned on him.
On the night he was betrayed
he came to table with his friends to
celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.

**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
he took bread, gave thanks,
broke it and said:

This is my body, given for you all.
Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
he took the cup, gave it and said:

This is my blood, shed for you all for
the forgiveness of sins.

Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.

**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this
cup we celebrate the cross
on which he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again
and is alive with you to plead for us and
all the world.

This is our story.

**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Send your Spirit on us now
that by these gifts we may feed on
Christ with opened eyes
and hearts on fire.
May we and all who share this food
offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in
heaven where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**Blessing and honour and glory and
power be yours for ever and ever.
Amen**



THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us,
so, we pray:

**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 for ever.
Amen**

WORDS OF INVITATION

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup,
**we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.**



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off you met us in
your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living,
he declared your love, gave us grace,
and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body
live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights
give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set
before us, so we and all your children
shall be free, and the whole earth live
to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

NOTICES



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
Lead us in Thy triumph
To Thy home above

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