

31st March 2024

All Age Easter Holy Communion Service

Rev. Rob Powell will be leading, presiding, and preaching on
'You Can't Keep a Good-Man Down!' (Luke 24: 1-12)

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

COME LET US WORSHIP OUR KING

Come let us bow at His feet
He has done great things
See what our Saviour has done
See how His love overcomes
He has done great things
He has done great things

*O Hero of Heaven
You conquered the grave
You free every captive
And break every chain
O God, You have done great things
We dance in Your freedom
Awake and alive
O Jesus our Saviour
Your name lifted high
O God, You have done great things*

You've been faithful through every storm
You'll be faithful forevermore
You have done great things
And I know You will do it again
For Your promise is yes and amen
You will do great things
God You do great things

Hallelujah God above it all
Hallelujah God unshakable
Hallelujah You have done great things
(Repeat)

You've done great things

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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!



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

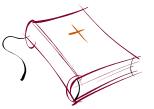


1,2,3, JESUS IS ALIVE

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.
By Yancy

BIBLE READING ON VIDEO



QUIZ & TALK

THE PEACE (we share the sign of the peace)



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 forever more,
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 Son shall pierce the night.
And I will rise among the saints,
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face.

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.

You are worthy of our thanks and praise,
Lord God of truth,
for by the breath of your mouth
you have spoken your word,
and all things have come into being.

You fashioned us in your image
and placed us in the garden of your
delight. Though we chose the path of
rebellion you would not abandon your
own.

Again and again you drew us into your
covenant of grace.
You gave your people the law and
taught us by your prophets to look for
your reign of justice, mercy and peace.
As we watch for the signs of your
kingdom on earth, we echo the song of
the angels in heaven, evermore praising
you and saying:

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

Lord God, you are the most holy one,
enthroned in splendour and light,
yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ
you reveal the power of your love
made perfect in our human weakness.

Amen. Lord, we believe.

Embracing our humanity, Jesus showed
us the way of salvation;
loving us to the end,
he gave himself to death for us;
dying for his own,
he set us free from the bonds of sin, that
we might rise and reign with him in glory.

Amen. Lord, we believe.

On the night he gave up himself for us all
he took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for
you; do this in remembrance of me.

Amen. Lord, we believe.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the
new covenant which is shed for you and
for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in
remembrance of me.

Amen. Lord, we believe.

Therefore we proclaim the death that he
suffered on the cross, we celebrate his
resurrection, his bursting from the tomb,
we rejoice that he reigns at your right
hand on high and we long for his coming
in glory.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of
our redemption, Father, by your Holy Spirit
let these gifts of your creation be to us
the body and blood of our Lord Jesus
Christ; form us into the likeness of Christ
and make us a perfect offering in your
sight.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Look with favour on your people
and in your mercy hear the cry of our
hearts. Bless the earth, heal the sick,
let the oppressed go free
and fill your Church with power from
on high.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Gather your people from the ends of the
earth to feast with all your saints
at the table in your kingdom,
where the new creation is brought to
perfection in Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours,
Almighty Father,
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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OFFERTORY PRAYER & BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.