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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.

By Yancy

## 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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