


5th April 2026

All Age Easter Holy Communion Service

Rev. Sue Clarke will be leading, presiding, and preaching on
'He is Risen' (Matthew 28: 1-15)

WELCOME & ACCLAMATIONS


 **JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY,**
Hallelujah,

Our triumphant holy day; Hallelujah
Who did once upon the cross; Hallelujah
Suffer to redeem our loss: Hallelujah!

Hymns of praise then let us sing; Hallelujah
Unto Christ our heavenly King; Hallelujah
Who endured the cross and grave; Hallelujah
Sinners to redeem and save: Hallelujah!

But the pains which he endured; Hallelujah
Our salvation have procured; Hallelujah
Now above the sky he's King; Hallelujah
Where the angels ever sing. Hallelujah!

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 **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.

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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

BIBLE READING ON VIDEO

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

TALK



THERE IS A REDEEMER

Jesus God's own son

Precious Lamb of God, Messiah

Holy One

Thank You O my Father

For giving us Your Son

And leaving Your Spirit

Till the work on earth is done

Jesus my Redeemer

Name above all names

Precious Lamb of God, Messiah

O for sinners slain

When I stand in glory

I will see His face

There I'll serve my King forever

In that holy place

Melody Green

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THE PEACE *(we share the sign of the peace)*

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.

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