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## All Age Easter Communion Service in Church & Online

Rev Rob Powell will be leading and speaking on  
'He is Risen! (John 20:1-18)

### 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

Jesus our Saviour, out of your great love  
for us, you came to live on our planet.  
Thank you, Lord Jesus

**We'll never forget it!**

The night before you died, you gave us a  
meal so that we could remember you.

Thank you, Lord Jesus

**We'll never forget it!**

Then cruel men took you, beat you and told lies about you.

Thank you, Lord Jesus

**We'll never forget it!**

You died on a cross, even though it was we who deserved it.

Thank you, Lord Jesus

**We'll never forget it!**

But you rose to life again and defeated death once and for all.

Thank you, Lord Jesus

**We'll never forget it!**

As your Easter people,  
we will live with you forever.

Thank you, Lord Jesus

**We'll never forget it!**

**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

 **123 JESUS IS ALIVE!**  
123 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.*

## TIME IN THE WORD

The Bible Reading is John 20:1-18

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



## DRAMA: GUARD DUTY

### TALK

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

 **SEE ON THE HILL OF CALVARY**  
My Saviour bled for me

My Jesus set me free

Look at the wounds that give me life

Grace flowing from His side

No greater sacrifice

*What He's done, what He's done*

*All the glory and the honour*

*To the Son*

*My sins are forgiven*

*My future is Heaven*

*I praise God for what He's done*

Sing for the freedom He has won

Even death is dead and done

His life has overcome

Speak, say the Name above all names

Over every broken place

He is risen from the grave

Now on a throne of majesty  
The Father's will complete  
He reigns in victory  
Sing hallelujah to the King  
He is worthy to receive  
All the worship we can bring

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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.**

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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## **THE BLESSING**

## **THE DISMISSAL**

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

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