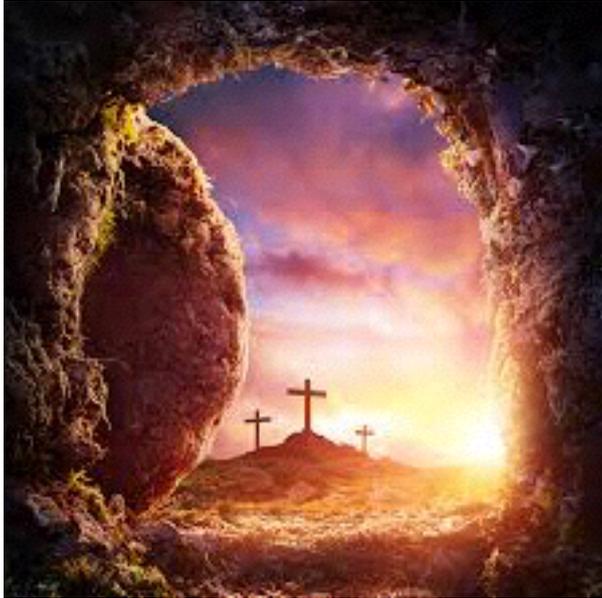


Easter Day



Alleluia, Christ is Risen;
Alleluia, He is Risen indeed, Amen.

Call to Worship:

O Lord, we would praise You for Your mighty Redemption at the heart of all our concerns and worries: By Your great power raise us up to newness of life this Easter Day. **Amen.**
(Rev'd Oswald Chambers 1864 - 1917)

Hymn: 202 (H&P) Low in the grave he lay

Prayers of Adoration & Thanksgiving.

Almighty and Everlasting King, Most Merciful and Majestic God, we gather in this place of peace and praise, of joy and jubilation, as one family of faith, one church of Christ. On this day we celebrate the victory of Your Son Jesus Christ. We proclaim His power over all of our lives; His authority to forgive our mistakes; His ability to change our lives.

Joy has come to us today, for we are born anew in our Lord Jesus Christ. Christ Jesus, who, though dead, is risen. On this great and glorious day, therefore, we give glory to You. We know through our scriptures, the truth of Your victory over death. We praise you Lord Jesus, the One who died and is now alive, that all who repent and believe may gain life in and through Your resurrection.

Eternal Lord, on this Easter Day, we claim the victory of Christ over sin and death. His sacrifice has cleared our mistakes. His grace can renew and bring rebirth to our lives.

Jesus Christ is risen and has overcome both death and sin, so our souls can be resurrected to a new beginning. In this Easter Day You fill us with Your joy that our joy maybe complete. Let us rejoice and give thanks, for Christ Jesus has blessed us with an everlasting hope and He has saved our lives forever.

Confession.

Lord God, we come to You with hearts that can be so cold toward You and those we meet day to day. We come to you with hearts that are sinful: we don't always remember that when people see us and speak to us, that they know we say we are Christian, but don't always show it when we ought to.

We come to you with hearts that were weak and so easily give in to temptation, to be self indulgent, and think one of what we want. We forget to love our neighbour to the same measure as we love ourselves.

We come to you with our clumsy thoughts, our Sharpe response, our hard words and attitude.

Lord God, we come to You that they may be warmed by your selfless love.

Lord God, we come to You that they may be cleansed by the Saviour's precious blood.

We come Lord God and make our confession to you now.

Time to reflect.

And know this, when we confess our sins and are truly sorry, we are forgiven in the precious name of our Risen Christ Jesus.

Hymn: 212 Thine be the glory

Reading: Luke 24:36-48

Read Rev. Ken's sermon

Prayers of Intercessions

Living Christ, our life is in your hands, and we offer You all that we are, all that our past has made us, and all that we may become. Build us up by the power of Your Spirit to become Your humble servants.

Living Christ Jesus, our fragile life can be unnervingly vulnerable and small to so many things. We pray for our own confidence in such a time we find ourselves, may we trust in You and have no worry about our future.

Risen Christ Jesus, we pray for our neighbours, our communities, our country and leader. In this time of great worry and concern, may they be prompted to turn to You to seek the answers and direction. Give comfort to them in their cry.

Living Christ Jesus, We hold before You Your Church; may we keep our eyes on You and trust You in all things. Keep us from worry and help us to concentrate on serving You. We pray for our ministers who must adapt to a new way of leading Your people in our spiritual walk along the path of life.

Risen Christ Jesus, we pray for all people who are living through the conflicts in this world. Jesus, draw them close to Your heart that they may place their trust and lives in Your saving hands. May they fear nothing but God Himself. We think especially of Christians suffering because they dare to call You Father. May they know Your peace and praise Your name and live as Christ taught us.

Living Christ Jesus, You calm us and transform all our experiences. We lay before you now those who are traveling through a time of pain or anguish, tragedy or conflict which is hard to bear. We think especially of Your persecuted servants who face the daily threat of injury or death.

Risen Christ Jesus, We pray for all who are sick at present, either physically or mentally; especially those suffering from Covid-19, and all who are faced with fear and uncertainty at this time. We stand alongside them in their suffering, and offer it to Your transforming, healing love.

The Lord's Prayer.....

So Father, we ask that You would accept these prayers, for the sake of Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

Hymn: 216 And can it be

Final Blessing.

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me.

Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet and Christ in danger, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

Be with us and go with us this Easter Day and always. Amen.



(St Patrick of Ireland)