**Easter Sunday Celebration 4.4.2021**

**Welcome**

Alleluia, Christ is risen: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**Songs – Jesus Christ is Risen today & Happy Day**

Jesus Christ is Risen today; Hallelujah!

But the pains that he endured; Hallelujah!

Our salvation has procured; Hallelujah!

Now in heaven above he’s king; Hallelujah!

Where the angles ever sing: 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!

When I stand in that place

Free at last meeting face to face

I am Yours Jesus You are mine

Endless joy perfect peace

Earthly pain finally will cease

Celebrate Jesus is alive

He's alive

*And oh happy day…*

*Oh what a glorious day*

*What a glorious way*

*That You have saved me*

*And oh what a glorious day*

*What a glorious Name*

The greatest day in history

Death is beaten You have rescued me

Sing it out Jesus is alive

The empty cross the empty grave

Life Eternal You have won the day

Shout it out Jesus is alive

He's alive

*And oh happy day happy day*

*You washed my sin away*

*Oh happy day happy day*

*I'll never be the same*

*Forever I am changed*

**Confession**

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,

we come to you in sorrow for our sins,

and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,

And not by the power of your resurrection.

In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,

As faithless and not believing.

In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone,

And doubted our home in heaven.

In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

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 - John 20:1-18**

20 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. 2 So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.’ 3 Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. 4 The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, 7 and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. 8 Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; 9 for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. 10 Then the disciples returned to their homes.

11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look[a] into the tomb; 12 and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. 13 They said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping?’ She said to them, ‘They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.’ 14 When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?’ Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, ‘Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.’ 16 Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’ (which means Teacher). 17 Jesus said to her, ‘Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, “I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.”’ 18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Talk**

**Prayers**

*In our prayers we will pray for the world, the church, our local community, and for those who are in need.*

*At the end of each section we say:*

Lord in Your mercy

**hear our prayer.**

*And at the end:*

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers**

**for the sake of your Son,**

**our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

**The Peace**

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples

and said, ‘Peace be with you.’

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**and also with you.**

The Lord is here
**His Spirit is with us.**

Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died: Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,
and remember his death and resurrection,
send your Holy Spirit,
that we who share these gifts
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Pour your Spirit on us
that we may love one another,
work for the healing of the earth,
and share the good news of Jesus,
as we wait for his coming in glory.

For honour and praise belong to you, Father,
with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

**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.**

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup

**We proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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.**

It is always right to give you thanks,
God our Creator,
loving and faithful,
holy and strong.

You made us
and the whole universe,
and filled your world with life.

You sent your Son to live among us,
Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.

He suffered on the cross;
he died to save us from our sins;
he rose in glory from the dead.

You send your Spirit
to bring new life to the world,
and clothe us with power from on high.

And so we join the angels
to celebrate and say:

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

 **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Father, on the night before he died,
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.

He took the bread, and thanked you.
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.
He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you.
This is my blood,
the new promise of God's unfailing love.
Do this to remember me.

**We thank you, Lord,**

**That you have fed us in this sacrament,**

**United us with Christ,**

**And given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet**

**Prepared for all peoples. Amen**

**Notices**

**Song – Thine be the Glory**

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

Bring us safe through Jordan

To Thy home above

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

**Blessing**

May Christ,

who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future,

fill you with his new life;

and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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