

## Resurrection of Our Lord / Easter Sunday - Online Service

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### WELCOME & EASTER GREETING:

Christ is risen! *Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!*

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### HYMN: *Christ is Risen! Alleluia!* (ELW 382)

1     Christ is risen! Alleluia!  
      Risen our victorious head!  
      Sing his praises! Alleluia!  
      Christ is risen from the dead!  
      Gratefully our hearts adore him  
      as his light once more appears;  
      bowing down in joy before him,  
      rising up from griefs and tears.

#### *Refrain*

Christ is risen! Alleluia!  
Risen our victorious head!  
Sing his praises! Alleluia!  
Christ is risen from the dead!

2     Christ is risen! All the sadness  
      of our Lenten fast is o'er;  
      through the open gates of gladness  
      he returns to life once more;  
      death and hell before him bending  
      see him rise, the victor now,  
      angels on his steps attending,  
      glory round his wounded brow. *Refrain*

3     Christ is risen! All the sorrow  
      that last evening round him lay  
      now has found a glorious morrow  
      in the rising of today.  
      See the grave its firstfruits giving,

springing up from holy ground;  
Christ was dead, but now is living;  
he was lost, but he is found. *Refrain*

- 4 Christ is risen! Henceforth never  
death or hell shall us enthrall.  
We are Christ's, in him forever  
we have triumphed over all.  
All the doubting and dejection  
of our trembling hearts have ceased;  
hail the day of resurrection!  
Let us rise and keep the feast. *Refrain*

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

Let us pray. **O God, we gather on this most holy day separated by life-saving distancing but united more than ever in the life of Christ. By his glorious resurrection, you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die each day to sin, that we may live with Jesus forever in the joy of the resurrection. We make our prayer through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

#### **HYMN: *Thine is the Glory!* (ELW 376)**

- 1 Thine is the glory,  
risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry  
thou o'er death hast won!  
Angels in bright raiment  
rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes  
where thy body lay.

#### *Refrain*

Thine is the glory,  
risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry  
thou o'er death hast won!

- 2 Lo, Jesus meets thee,  
risen from the tomb!  
Lovingly he greets thee,  
scatters fear and gloom;  
let his church with gladness  
hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord now liveth;  
death hath lost its sting! *Refrain*

3 No more we doubt thee,  
glorious Prince of life;  
life is naught without thee;  
aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conqu'rors,  
through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan  
to thy home above. *Refrain*

### **GOSPEL: Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10**

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." <sup>8</sup>So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**REFLECTION** (*for the text, visit [www.raspberryman.wordpress.com](http://www.raspberryman.wordpress.com), "Life finds us"*)

### **PRAYERS OF PETITION\*:**

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need, saying: 'Lord, in your mercy' and responding: "**hear our prayer.**"

All your creation praises you, Creator God. The earth hums, the seas pulse, the stars shine, and the galaxies whirl in glorious harmonies to honor you. Let us hear and blend our voices in the song. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

The countries of the world experience tragedy, economic upheaval and selfish actions; we set our minds on fear and greed rather than on your rule of justice and steadfast love. In the midst of the pandemic crisis, forgive us our sin and continue to build up all countries on your cornerstone of peace and hope. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We still weep with those who weep and mourn with those who mourn. Cradle the fearful, the suffering, and the dying, assuring them of your loving presence. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Risen Lord, you went ahead of us into the grave and defeated the powers of evil. We remember those who have died, especially from the coronavirus. Inspire us to live our lives in this resurrection hope and draw us to you in our final days. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for the doctors and nurses and scientists, and all who are working to discover the right medicines to help those who are ill. Make the way quickly for a vaccine to be made available for all. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Because of your resurrection and life in us, we are therefore not people of fear: we are people of courage. We are not people who only protect our own safety: we are people who protect our neighbours' safety. We are not people of greed: we are people of generosity. We are your people God, giving and loving, wherever we are, whatever it costs and for as long as it take, as you call and empower us to follow you. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread;  
and forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us;  
save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. **Amen.**

**HYMN: *Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!* (ELW 380)**

- 1 Hallelujah! Jesus lives!  
He is now the Living One;  
from the gloomy halls of death  
Christ, the conqueror, has gone,  
bright forerunner to the skies  
of his people, yet to rise.
- 2 Jesus lives! Why do you weep?  
Why that sad and mournful sigh?  
Christ who died our brother here  
lives our brother still on high,  
lives forever to bestow  
blessings on his church below.
- 3 Jesus lives! And thus, my soul,  
life eternal waits for you;  
joined to Christ, your living head,  
where he is, you shall be too;  
with the Lord, at God's right hand,  
as a victor you shall stand.
- 4 Jesus lives! Let all rejoice.  
Praise him, ransomed of the earth.  
Praise him in a nobler song,  
cherubim of heav'nly birth.  
Praise the victor king, whose sway  
sin and death and hell obey.
- 5 Hallelujah! Angels, sing!  
Join with us in hymns of praise.  
Let your chorus swell the strain  
which our feebler voices raise:  
Glory to our God above  
and on earth his peace and love!

**BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you in grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favour, and give you peace. **Amen.**

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\* Prayers of petition adapted from Sundays and Seasons (for Easter) and the Church of England websites.

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