



Care Homes Easter Service 2020

Order of Service

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Loving God, help us through all we share today to hear the story of Easter speaking to us as though for the first time. May familiar and much loved words take on new meaning, so that we may share the wonderful meaning of Good Friday and the excitement of the resurrection. May the events of Easter that changed the disciples forever change our lives so that each day we are full of hope. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Opening Song *Please click on you tube link to listen to each song as they appear in the service sheet.*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kBCWyzJiIHU>

There is a green hill far away

Outside a city wall
Where the dear Lord was crucified
Who died to save us all.

We may not know we cannot tell
What pains He had to bear
But we believe it was for us
He hung and suffered there.

He died that we might be forgiv'n
He died to make us good
That we might go at last to heav'n
Saved by His precious blood.

There was no other good enough
To pay the price of sin
He only could unlock the gate
Of heav'n and let us in.

O dearly dearly has He loved
And we must love Him too
And trust in His redeeming blood
And try His works to do.

Easter Memories

*We would normally share Easter memories at this point so
please take a moment to think about your favourite
Easter memories and then thank God for them.*

Reading – Luke 23

³² Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. ³³ When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals – one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴ Jesus said, ‘Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.’ And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. ³⁵ The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, ‘He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.’

³⁶ The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷ and said, ‘If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.’ ³⁸ There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS. ³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: ‘Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!’ ⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. ‘Don’t you fear God,’ he said, ‘since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.’ ⁴² Then he said, ‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’ ⁴³ Jesus answered him, ‘Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.’ ⁴⁴ It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, ⁴⁵ for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶ Jesus called out with a loud voice, ‘Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.’ When he had said this, he breathed his last.

⁴⁷ The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God and said, ‘Surely this was a righteous man.’

Song

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4_fvFfPqjO4

When I survey the wondrous cross

On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God:
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down:
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of Nature mine,
That were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all!

Reading: Luke 24

¹On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the

dead? ⁶ He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ⁷ “The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.” ⁸ Then they remembered his words.

⁹ When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. ¹⁰ It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. ¹² Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

Talk

We would normally have a talk here. We will record a talk for Good Friday and Easter Sunday on the website.

Song

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zA_ggfwGOZQ&t=16s

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!

Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!

Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!

Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!

Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!

Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

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

Prayers

We would normally lead prayers but here is an opportunity for your own prayer. As at the homes we will conclude with the Lord's prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bPjTfw4a2ZE>

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.
*Thine be the glory,
Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won!*



No more we doubt Thee,
Glorious Prince of life;
Life is naught 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.
*Thine be the glory,
Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won!*

The Blessing

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us the victory, give us joy and peace in your faith; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always. **Amen.**

*The church family of Christ Church and
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Easter.*



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