

**St John's, Bourne End
worshipping together while we are apart**

Sunday 12th 2020: Easter Day

I suggest that if there is more than one of you, you choose someone to read the words in normal print and all join in with the words in bold or if you are alone, you silently read the words in normal print and say the words in bold out loud. Try not to rush through the words but allow some time for God to speak to you and you to hear him.

Feel free to join in with Patrick as he leads the songs ([click on the link](#) for all you need) or just sing along on your own!

Remember, although we may be physically apart, we are together in spirit as we worship God together because we are all part of God's family at St John's.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

is the ancient Easter greeting of the Church so we are beginning and ending our service using this declaration of hope and resurrection.

Rebecca

Gathering

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Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:

he has given us new life and hope

by raising Jesus from the dead.

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Song

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!

Pause to allow us to experience God's presence with us

Confession

Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God.
Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil
and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Take a moment to bring to mind those things you wish to confess to our heavenly Father this morning:

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 us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord says:
‘I have loved you with an everlasting love;
I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.’

Jeremiah 31.3

Collect for Easter Day

**God of glory, by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Praise

Now say these verses from Psalm 118

**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures for ever.**

**The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
the Lord has done this,
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
The Lord has done it this very day;
let us rejoice today and be glad.**

**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures for ever.**

Psalm 118. 1, 22-24, 29

Pause for thought

Where have you seen God at work in the past week? It might be in the signs of new life, or having the strength to walk through the week, or in the past week, places where God has been at work?

Readings

Jeremiah 31.1-6

John 20.1-18

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Talk

By Hilary Kemp (curate on placement)

Pause to reflect

Please use this song as a way of reflecting on what Hilary has said to us.

Oh soul are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Saviour
And life more abundant and free

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace*

Through death into life everlasting
He passed and we follow Him there
O'er us sin no more hath dominion
For more than conquerors we are

His word shall not fail you, He promised
Believe Him and all will be well
Then go to a world that is dying
His perfect salvation to tell

Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace

Creed

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day**

**in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe. Amen.**

cf 1 Corinthians 15.3-7

Prayers

Pray as you feel led or use the structure below to help you; the ... gives you space to add your own prayers:

In joy and hope we pray.
We pray to the Father.
Hear our prayer.

That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his
glorious and life-giving resurrection ...
we pray to the Father.
Hear our prayer.

That isolated and persecuted churches
may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter ...
we pray to the Father.
Hear our prayer.

That God may grant us humility
to be subject to one another in Christian love ...
we pray to the Father.
Hear our prayer.

That he may provide for those who lack food,
work, or shelter ...
we pray to the Father.
Hear our prayer.

That by his power war and famine
may cease through all the world ...
we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick,
the weak and the dying,
to comfort and strengthen them ...
we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon
his people,
so that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection,
we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

We bring all our prayers together by praying the prayer that Jesus taught
us:

**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.**

Thine be the glory

Risen, conqu'ring 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 naught 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.

Closing prayer

Closing Song

*Why not picture the people from St John's who you would normally see
on a Sunday and pray this prayer for all your church family?*

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Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
He has given us new life and hope.
He has raised Jesus from the dead.

God has claimed us for his own.
He has brought us out of darkness.
He has made us light to the world.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

We are raised to new life with Christ.
Go in his peace. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Coffee

Now, why not make yourself a cup of tea or coffee and then ring someone from St John's for a chat? Why not start your conversation with the ancient Christian Easter greeting:

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Resurrection by Josef Žáček, 1988