**WELCOME**

Welcome to our virtual Easter morning service.

We say the words in bold type together

 **The Greeting:**

*We declare to the North, South, East and West:*

Alleluia. Christ is risen!
**All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**GLORIA**

**1. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!**

**Lord, we lift up Your name,**

**with our hearts full of praise;**

**be exalted O Lord, our God!**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**2. Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings!**

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**Lord, we lift up Your name,**

**with our hearts full of praise;**

**be exalted O Lord, our God!**

**Glory to the King of kings**

**WE CONFESS:**

 Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith firmly resolved to keep God’s commandments and to live in love and peace with all people.

**All: Most merciful God,**

**we confess that we have sinned**

**in thought and word and deed.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart.**

**We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

**In your mercy, forgive what we have been,**

**help us amend what we are,**

**and direct what we shall be;**

**that we may do justly, love mercy,**

**and walk humbly with you our God. Amen.**

*We hear God’s forgiveness declared over us*

Almighty God, who raised from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive you all your sins, raise you from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, and strengthen you to walk with him in joy and confidence, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

*The Collect – the special prayer for the 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.

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD:**

*The gospel reading, Matthew 28: 1-10:*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew:

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord:

**Praise to you, O Christ**

*As a response to the readings we say declare our faith together*

**All: 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.**

**WE PRAY:**

*The prayers sometime include the response:*

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

*And end with:*

**Merciful Father,**

**Accept these prayers**

**For the sake of your Son,**

**Our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**All: 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 those who 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.**

This is the good news, the grave is empty, Christ is risen. Christ our peace, the indestructible peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
**And also with you.**

*We hear God’s blessing declared over us*

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, rest upon you and remain with you always. **AMEN.**

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