

Lord's Day worship: Easter Sunday 4 April 2021

Before we join together: a song and a hymn to sing – to help us prepare

- (1) "I will rise " - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fa8w7mGug0c>
- (2) "Crown him with many crowns" - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kvioFqH2yYY>

At 10.45am: scripture, call to worship, and prayer for God's presence and blessing

John 11:25-26a:

"Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life.
Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die."

**Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity. Amen.**

Song: See, what a morning – gloriously bright

See, what a morning—gloriously bright,
with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light,
as the angels announce Christ is risen!
See God's salvation plan, wrought in love,
borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
fulfilled in Christ, the man, for he lives;
Christ is risen from the dead!

See Mary weeping, "Where is he laid?"
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;
hears a voice speaking, calling her name;
it's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!
The voice that spans the years,
speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,
will sound till he appears,
for he lives, Christ is risen from the dead!

One with the Father, Ancient of Days,
through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty,
honour and blessing, glory and praise
to the King crowned with power and authority!
And we are raised with him,
death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered;
and we shall reign with him,
for he lives, Christ is risen from the dead!

Song: All heaven declares the glory of the risen Lord

All heaven declares
the glory of the risen Lord
Who can compare
with the beauty of the Lord?

*Forever He will be
The Lamb upon the throne
I gladly bow the knee
And worship Him alone*

I will proclaim
the glory of the risen Lord
Who once was slain
to reconcile man to God

*Forever You will be
The Lamb upon the throne
I gladly bow my knee
And worship You alone*

Confessing our sins and seeking the assurance of forgiveness

**Father, we have sinned against you.
We are not worthy to be called your children.
We turn to you again.
Have mercy on us, bring us back to yourself
as those who once were dead but now have life
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

An Easter Reading: Luke 24:1-12

Declaring our faith in the resurrected Christ (from the Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 45)

How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he could make us share in the righteousness which he had obtained for us by his death. Second, by his power we too are raised up to a new life. Third, Christ's resurrection is to us a sure pledge of our glorious resurrection.

Family news and prayers of intercession

Song: I cast my mind to Calvary

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Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds His hands His feet
My Saviour on that cursed tree

2. His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone

*O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God*

3. Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting
The angels roar for Christ the King

O praise the Name...

4. He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

O praise the Name...

Bible reading and sermon – 1 Corinthians 15: 1-19

Song: Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son

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 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.*

Final prayer and blessing