

ALL AGE 12.04.20 Easter Day, Year A

Welcome, notices, birthdays

On screen before the service:

Mary Magdalene visits Jesus' tomb once the sabbath is over. She finds the tomb empty, and experience both fear and joy. She tells the rest of the disciples that Jesus is raised.

Hymn: come on and celebrate

Come on and celebrate
His gift of love, we will celebrate
The Son of God who loved us
And gave us life
We'll shout Your praise, O King
You give us joy nothing else can bring
We'll give to You our offering
In celebration praise

Come on and celebrate
Celebrate
Celebrate and sing
Celebrate and sing to the King
Come on and celebrate
Celebrate
Celebrate and sing
Celebrate and sing to the King

A Gathering Prayer

Holy and risen Lord,
we come to worship you
on this special day, Easter Day.
We thank you for all you have done for us.
We lift our eyes to honour you, living Lord Jesus.
You have overcome death;
fill us with your joy and new life.
Amen.

A prayer of confession

When we have failed to recognise you as our Saviour,
when we have failed to acknowledge you as our risen Lord,
when we have doubted that you are with us:
forgive us, and fill our hearts with joy.

When we have not shared your good news,
when we have been too concerned with ourselves,
when we have not shared the joy of knowing you with others:
forgive us, and fill our hearts with joy.

When we have failed to bring hope to the hopeless,
when we have failed to bring joy to the joyless,
when we have failed to offer your grace to those who hurt us:
forgive us, and fill our hearts with joy.
Amen.

The Absolution

May almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you your sins
and bring you to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Reading:

John 20: 1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one

at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' which means Teacher. Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Address :

Hymn All heaven declares

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 my knee and worship Him alone*

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

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

Intercessions

God of grace,
we bring before you those who have no joy and no hope,
those who see no future, no light at the end of the tunnel,
those scarred by pain and sadness, those who grieve.

**God of grace and resurrection power,
bring your joy and healing today.**

We pray for those yet to hear your good news,
whether that is because they live in far-flung places,
or because they are closed to the message and the possibility
of 'What if?'

May we be Easter people, willing always to share the good news
of hope, restoration and freedom to all those we meet –
neighbours, friends and strangers alike.

God of grace...

We pray for those recovering from natural disasters
such as earthquakes and hurricanes, famine, flood and poverty,
for all whose darkness is very real.

God of grace...

May all share in the joy of your resurrection.

Amen.

Merciful Father,

**Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
Our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer (sung)

**Our Father who art in heaven HBTN
Thy kingdom come thy will be done HBTN
On earth as it is in heaven HBTN
Give us this day our daily bread HBTN
Forgive us all our trespasses HBTN
As we forgive those who trespass against us HBTN
And lead us not into temptation HBTN
But deliver us from all that is evil HBTN
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory HBTN
For ever and for ever and ever HBTN**

Blessing:

May the risen Christ reign in your hearts;
may the Comforter inspire and challenge you;
may the God of glory be with you, always.

and may the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be amongst you and remain with you, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you
All **and also with you**

Hymn: Jesus, we celebrate your victory

Jesus we celebrate Your victory
Jesus we revel in Your love
Jesus we rejoice You've set us free
Jesus Your death has brought us life
It was for freedom that Christ has set us free
No longer to be subject to a yoke of slavery
So we're rejoicing in God's victory
Our hearts responding to His love
His Spirit in us releases us from fear
The way to Him is open
With boldness we draw near
And in His presence our problems disappear
Our hearts responding to His love