

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

## **Easter Day**

**Reading 1:** Acts 10: 34 - 43

**Gospel:** John 20: 1 – 18

**Song:** *(click link)* Forever - <https://youtu.be/KeJ14W2IXCw>

### **Proclamation:**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
He is risen indeed, Alleluia.  
Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has given us new life and hope.  
He has raised Jesus from the dead.  
Alleluia, Christ is risen.  
He is risen indeed Alleluia.

### **Prayer.**

Faithful one, whose word is life:  
come with saving power  
to free our praise,  
inspire our prayer  
and shape our lives  
for the kingdom of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Psalm: 118: 1 – 2, 14 - 24**

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his steadfast love endures for ever!  
<sup>2</sup> Let Israel say,  
'His steadfast love endures for ever.'  
The LORD is my strength and my might;  
he has become my salvation.  
<sup>15</sup> There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:  
"The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;  
<sup>16</sup> the right hand of the LORD is exalted;  
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly."  
<sup>17</sup> I shall not die, but I shall live,  
and recount the deeds of the LORD.  
<sup>18</sup> The LORD has punished me severely,  
but he did not give me over to death.  
<sup>19</sup> Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the LORD.  
<sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the LORD;  
the righteous shall enter through it.

- <sup>21</sup> I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.  
<sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.  
<sup>23</sup> This is the LORD's doing;  
it is marvellous in our eyes.  
<sup>24</sup> This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Song:** (*click link*)      Glorious Day- <https://youtu.be/gkJJ2XZwDHc>

### **Confession:**

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 – 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 – hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone, and doubted our home in heaven.

In your mercy forgive us – hear us and help us.

### **Absolution:**

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.

### **Reading 1: Acts 10: 34 – 43**

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

This is the word of the Lord.      Thanks be to God.

**Gospel:      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. <sup>2</sup> 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." <sup>3</sup> Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup> The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup> and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup> Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup> for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples returned to their homes.

## **Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene**

<sup>11</sup> But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> 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." <sup>14</sup> When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" 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." <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup> 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.'" <sup>18</sup> 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise be to you O Christ.

**Talk:** (click link) <https://youtu.be/oRxaGtlPi3g>

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

## **The Creed**

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.

## **Prayers of Intercession**

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 that fire of the Holy Spirit upon His people,  
so that we may bear fruitful witness to His resurrection.  
We pray to the Father.  
Hear our prayer.

**Amen.**

***Silence is kept.***

**Collect:**

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 of life stands open  
in our saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **Lord's Prayer:**

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  
and 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 forever. Amen.

*Let us pause for a moment to bring ourselves and all that we offer to God  
and give Him thanks.*

**Song:** (click link) O Praise The Name- <https://youtu.be/LqBpifDpNKc>

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
Almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of God the father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### **Blessing:**

We go into the world to walk in God's light,  
to rejoice in God's love  
and to reflect god's glory.....

.....and the blessing of God almighty;  
Father Son and Holy Spirit,

be with us, and remain with us  
and all those whom we love,  
now and forever.  
Amen.

Song: (click link) Happy Day - [https://youtu.be/R\\_9QiWorBaY](https://youtu.be/R_9QiWorBaY)

*As we come to the end of this service we can fellowship with each other in Spirit, with tea, coffee and biscuits, and continuing to pray for each other.*

*Post something on the Facebook page to bless others.*