

Sunday Worship for the 4th April 2021

Easter Day

HYMN

This joyful Eastertide

Sung by St Martin's Voices in the grounds of Lambeth Palace

This joyful Eastertide,
Away with sin and sorrow.
My Love, the Crucified,
Hath sprung to life this morrow:

*Had Christ, that once was slain,
Ne'er burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now hath Christ arisen,
Arisen, arisen, arisen!*

My flesh in hope shall rest,
And for a season slumber:
Till trump from east to west:
Shall wake the dead in number:
Chorus

Death's flood hath lost its chill,
Since Jesus crossed the river:
Lover of souls, from ill
My passing soul deliver:
Chorus

Words: George Ratcliffe Woodward (1848-1934)

Tune: Vreuchten, 6 7 6 7 and Refrain

WELCOME

The Archbishop of Canterbury

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Archbishop introduces the service

Let's begin our service with a prayer that draws our thoughts together:

Silence is kept.

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.

All Amen.

HYMN

Jesus Christ is risen today

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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 that he endured, Alleluia.
our salvation have procured; Alleluia.
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia.
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia.

Words: Compleat Psalmist (1749 Arnold), Charles Wesley (1707-88)

Tune: Surrexit Christus hodie Anonymous Latin, Lyra Davidica (1708)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark (Chapter 16, verses 1-8)

Read by Rev Cathrine Ngangira, Curate in the Diocese of Canterbury

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.

But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' 8 So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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

HYMN

Now the green blade rises

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Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
Wheat that in the dark earth many years has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

In the grave they laid Him, Love Whom we had slain,
Thinking that He'd never wake to life again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for the three days in the grave had lain;
Back from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain,
Then your touch can call us back to life again;
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

Words: John Macleod Campbell Crum (1872 – 1958)

Tune: Noël nouvelet

REFLECTION

The Archbishop of Canterbury

HYMN

Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord

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Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation. Refrain.

Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth.
Jesus has died and has risen. Refrain.

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Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.

Words: Donald Fishel (b. 1950)

Tune: Alleluia No. 1

The Archbishop says

At Easter each year, many Christians decide that they're going to renew the promises that they or their parents or Godparents made when they were baptized. Some of these promises are about who we understand God is and that God saved us through the death and the resurrection of Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit. This is the heart of the Christian faith. And we signal what we believe by the promises we're going to renew now.

We are going to pray now, it's a responsive prayer, so please join in with the responses, which are going to be read by Holly Adams.

So please join with me now:

He is joined in each line of the responses by Holly Adams

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?
**All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?
**All I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?
All I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

He continues

If those words have spoken to you today; if they remind you of something special and important in your own journey with God, or if you would like to explore what it means to share the risen life of Jesus, why not get in touch with your local vicar who will be able to walk that journey of exploration and adventure with you.

CHANT

In resurrectione tua

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The heavens and the earth rejoice Lord Jesus,
Raised from the dead you are living.

The heavens and the earth rejoice Lord Jesus,
Raised from the dead you are living.

Words and Music: Taizé Community

PRAYERS

Intercessions are now led by Holly Adams

Let's pray together, giving thanks for all that God has done for us in Jesus and looking forward to all that is to come.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

All Our Father, who 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.

The Archbishop says

Thank you for joining us this morning for this very special Easter service. I hope that our time together has helped you to experience something of the joy and hope of the risen Jesus.

I want to encourage you to join with me now in celebrating that hope.

When I say, All our hopes, you reply, 'We set on the risen Christ!'

All our problems
we send to the cross of Christ.
All our difficulties
we send to the cross of Christ.
All the devil's works
we send to the cross of Christ.

All All our hopes
we set on the risen Christ!

And now, let me pray for God's blessing to be with you all.

THE BLESSING

May Christ,
who out of defeat
who 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,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

HYMN

Thine be the Glory

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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 his church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing;
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

Refrain

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.

Refrain

Words: Edmund L Budry (1854-1932), translated by Richard B Hoyle (1875-1939)

Tune: Maccabaeus, by G.F Handel

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