

Easter Day - Morning Worship

12th April 2020

Welcome & Introduction

Opening words

This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ was raised from death to glorious new life. Throughout the world Christians celebrate the awesome power of God. As we hear his word and proclaim all that God has done, we can be confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him for ever.

Lighting of the Easter candle

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

If you have a candle at home, you might like to light it now

The light of Christ which shines for ever.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Song - Lord, I lift your name on high (with actions)

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:

Lord, 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.

Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone, and doubted our home in heaven. In your mercy, forgive us:

Lord, hear us and help us.

Absolution

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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 to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

Bible reading

Matthew 27:57-66 & 28:1-15 (read by Allan Warrington)

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon (Jenny Warrington)

Affirmation of Faith (with actions)

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

Jesus died for our sins

in accordance with the Scriptures:

Jesus died *(stretch arms out, as if on a cross)*

Jesus was buried *(cross arms over chest)*

Jesus rose from the dead. *(raise arms up above head)*

Jesus was buried;

he was raised to life on the third day

in accordance with the Scriptures:

Jesus died

Jesus was buried

Jesus rose from the dead.

Jesus appeared to his followers,

and to all the apostles:

Jesus died

Jesus was buried

Jesus rose from the dead.

This we have received,

and this we believe.

Amen.

Intercessions (Roy Maynard)

The 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.
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.

Hymn - Thine be the glory

Blessing

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ
has given us the victory,
give you joy and peace in your faith;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Closing responses

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He is risen indeed. Alleluia, allelulia, allelulia!

Our service this morning will be followed by a short Service of Holy Communion, commencing with The Peace. The service will be

live-streamed, and for those who'd like to join us for that, it can be found on our Facebook page: All Saints Church, Chatham. The service will start at 11.30am.