

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Easter Sunday

Voluntary:

- i) Chorale Prelude on "Christ ist erstanden", BWV 627
- ii) Easter Morn: a Meditation

J S Bach
John E West

Introit:

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ

S S Wesley

Call to Worship

Minister: The Lord is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

Hymn: 410 Jesus Christ is risen today, *Alleluia!*

Easter Hymn

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, *Alleluia!*
Our triumphant holy day, *Alleluia!*
Who did once, upon the *cross*, *Alleluia!*
Suffer to redeem our loss. *Alleluia!*
2. 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!*
3. But the anguish He endured *Alleluia!*
Our salvation has procured; *Alleluia!*
Now in heaven Christ is King, *Alleluia!*
Where the angels ever sing. *Alleluia!*
4. Sing we to our God above *Alleluia!*
Praise eternal as His love; *Alleluia!*
Praise Him, all you heavenly host, *Alleluia!*
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *Alleluia!*

***We bring to God our prayers and
The Lord's Prayer***

**Our Father,
Which art in heaven
Hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors,
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the Kingdom,
The power and the glory, forever.
Amen**

We hear the Word of God

New Testament: **John 20:1-18**
(Read by: Jacqui Lindsay)

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices which they had prepared. ² And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in they did not find the body. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel; ⁵ and as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶ Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day rise." ⁸ And they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Mag'dalene and Jo-an'na and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told this to the apostles; ¹¹ but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.

Amen

Children's Time

We respond to God's Word with our Offering
(Children invited to help with the Offering)



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Offertory: I know that my redeemer liveth (*from "Messiah"*) *Handel*

I know that my redeemer liveth,
And that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.
And though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God.
For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first fruits of them that sleep.
(*Job 19: 25-26; I Corinthians 15:20*)

Prayer

Children leave for Crèche and Sunday Club

Hymn: 424 Blest be the everlasting God *Bishophthorpe*

1. Blest be the everlasting God
The Father of our Lord!
Be His abounding mercy praised,
His majesty adored.
2. When from the dead He raised His Son,
And called Him to the sky,
He gave our souls a lively hope
That they should never die.
3. To an inheritance divine
He taught our hearts to rise;
'tis uncorrupted, undefiled,
Unfading in the skies.
4. Saints by the power of God are kept,
Till the salvation come:
We walk by faith as strangers here;
But Christ shall call us home.

We bring to God our Prayers of Confession

We hear the Word of God

Old Testament: **Jeremiah 31:1-6**

“At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.”

² Thus says the Lord:

“The people who survived the sword

 found grace in the wilderness;

when Israel sought for rest,

³ the Lord appeared to him from afar.

I have loved you with an everlasting love;

 therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

⁴ Again I will build you, and you shall be built,

 O virgin Israel!

Again you shall adorn yourself with timbrels,

 and shall go forth in the dance of the merry-makers.

⁵ Again you shall plant vineyards

 upon the mountains of Samar'ia;

the planters shall plant,

 and shall enjoy the fruit.

⁶ For there shall be a day when watchmen will call

 in the hill country of E'phraim:

‘Arise, and let us go up to Zion,

 to the Lord our God.’”

Amen

Anthem: Noël Nouvelet

John Kitchen

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been:
*Love is come again,
like wheat that springeth green.*

In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had slain,
thinking that never he would wake again,
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
*Love is come again,
like wheat that springeth green.*

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

When our hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain,
thy 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 springeth green.*

John Macleod Campbell Crum

Intimations

Hymn: 411 'Christ the Lord is risen today'

St George's Windsor

1. 'Christ the Lord is risen today',
All on earth and angels say;
Raise your joys and triumphs high;
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply.
Love's redeeming work is done,
Fought the fight, the battle won;
Lo! our Sun's eclipse is o'er;
Lo! He sets in blood no more.

2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
Christ has burst the gates of hell;
Death in vain forbids His rise;
Christ has opened Paradise.
Lives again our glorious King;
Where, O Death, is now thy sting?
Once He died, our souls to save;
Where thy victory, O grave?

3. Soar we now where Christ has led,
Following our exalted Head;
Made like Him, like Him we rise;
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.
Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven!
Praise to Thee by both be given;
Thee we greet triumphant now;
Hail, the Resurrection Thou!

Sermon

Everlasting love

***We bring to God our prayers
of Thanksgiving and Intercession***

Hymn: 419 Thine be the glory

Maccabaeus

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Benediction and Threefold Amen

Voluntary: Paraphrase on Handel's "Judas Maccabeus"

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