



Easter Day 2020

First Song

We Gather Together

Christ yesterday and today
the beginning and the end

Alpha and Omega
all time belongs to him
and all ages;
**to him be glory and power,
through every age and forever. Amen**

Normally at this stage we would light our Paschal candle, we can't do that today but we remember that the light of Christ is in each one of us. Light your candle now and when we can gather together again we will each bring our candles and use them to light the Paschal candle.

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.
Alleluia, Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

We make a joyful noise in celebration with instruments, party poppers or whatever else we have to hand!

Welcome and Introduction

The Confession

We remember and offer to God the things that we have done wrong, asking for forgiveness.

Like Mary at the empty tomb,
we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Like the disciples behind locked doors,
we are afraid to be seen as your followers.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Like Thomas in the upper room,
we are slow to believe.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord have mercy

Gloria in Excelsis

We give glory and praise to God by singing a special song that the church across the world has sung for a very long time.

Please stand if you can

Peruvian Gloria

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.
To him be glory forever.
To him be glory forever.
Alleluia, amen.
Alleluia, amen.
Alleluia amen,

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to Christ Jesus....

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit....

The Collect for Easter Day

This special prayer 'collects' all of our prayers together and joins us to each other and all the churches across the world praying the same prayer.

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

We Listen to the Word of God

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Song

Gospel Reading

We listen to a reading from one of the four Gospels; Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, which tell us about the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, the foundation of our faith.

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

Alleluia.

He has defeated the powers of death.

Alleluia.

Jesus turns our sorrow into dancing.

Alleluia.

He has the words of eternal life.

Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to....

Glory to you, O Lord

At the end of the reading

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

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

**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

Song

We thought you were dead.
We thought the cross was the end.
We thought that when the stone rolled over the tomb,
that was it.
But this is it:

**The dead are living;
the cross is empty;
the stone is rolled,
and one word describes it all:
Alleluia! Jesus is risen! L**

We thought you had said your final word.
We thought those with the power had won.
We thought that when you cried out,
that was it.
But this is it:

**The word breathes;
the powers are defeated;
the final cry was only the beginning,
and one word says it all:**

Alleluia! Jesus is risen!

**We thought the story was finished.
We thought the hope had ended.
We thought that when the tomb was sealed,
that was it.
But this is it:**

**The story has just begun;
the hope is newly born;
the tomb is empty,
and one word says it all:
Alleluia! Jesus is risen!**

This is the news:
Jesus is risen!
This is the moment
Jesus is alive!
This is the gospel
Jesus is with us!

We thought that when they crucified you,
death had defeated life,
and that was it.
But this is it:

Love is stronger than death,
and one word says it all:
Alleluia! Jesus is risen!

Notices

Final Song

Blessing

May Christ,
who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future,
fill you with his new life;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Be with you this day and always
Amen

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ, Amen