



Morning Worship for the Easter Season celebrating the work of Christian Aid

Greeting

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:
he has given us new life and hope
by raising Jesus from the dead.

God has claimed us as his own:
He has made us light to the world.

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Welcome and Introduction

We pray together

God of all the earth, be present with us now,
In each of our homes, as we connect together.
Build us into a spiritual house, a holy priesthood,
Offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to you
Through Jesus Christ our risen redeemer
And healer.
Amen.

Hymn: All creatures of our God and king.

We Say Sorry

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.

We Receive God's Forgiveness

May the God of love and power
Forgive us and free us from our sins,
Heal us and strengthen us by his spirit,
And raise us to new life in Christ.
Amen.

The Gloria

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

**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 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,
With the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God, the Father
Amen.**

The Collect

Bible Readings

**Psalm 31:1-5
Acts 7:55-end
John 14:1-14**

Talk

We join together to declare the faith we have in Jesus

**We believe and trust in God the Father source of all being and life.
We believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature died upon a cross and rose again.
We believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world.
This is our faith, we believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit . Amen.**

Time of Prayer

God our refuge, we come to you with open hands, some of us with hearts full of questions, some of us bruised by bereavement, some of us fearful of what the future holds, all of us stunned by the events of this year.

Draw close to us now in each of our homes as we place our honest questions and hopes into your open, resurrected, yet scarred hands.

God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

With the honesty of the psalmist, the wrestling questions of job, and the lament of the prophets, we bring you our questions in silence

God, in your mercy hear our prayer.

Hear the cry of our hearts lord, silent and aloud, for bereaved neighbours near and far, comfort those who are pained by being apart from others, and hold close those who are hurting alone.

God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

In this season of Easter, renew us with resurrection hope, knowing that while weeping lingers in the night, joy comes in the morning.

God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

On this Sunday at the start of Christian Aid week, we pray for those communities in the world who are most vulnerable to corona virus. We pray for those in refugee camp, those living in city slums, those without medical help or the resources to be able to wash their hands or to isolate themselves. We pray for the Christian Aid workers who are providing soap and buckets, giving clear and accurate information, raising the voices of the vulnerable, ensuring they are kept as safe as possible.

God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for all those who are shielding and for those who care for them. For all those who work to provide us with services such as clean water, taking away our rubbish, providing electricity and our health professionals.

**Merciful Father,
accept these prayers
for the sake your Son, our Saviour
Jesus Christ
Amen**

We pray together:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Notices

Final Song: Praise to the Lord

The Blessing

May the presence of the creator refresh us,
May the comfort of the Son renew us,
May the inspiration of the spirit restore us
To be love in action, even from a distance,
in our neighbourhoods, near and far, this day and ever more.
Amen

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