

Christ is Risen

A Service for Eastertide

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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Opening Prayer

**Faithful one, whose word is life:
come with saving power
to free our praise,
inspire our prayer
and shape our lives
for the kingdom of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Hymn: Alleluia, Alleluia, Give thanks to the Risen Lord

Prayers of Penitence

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.

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.

The Collect

Reading: John 20 verses 19-31

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Address

Hymn: Be still and know that I am God

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 of Intercession

This response may be used

Jesus, Lord of life:
in your mercy, hear us.

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour taught us.

Our Father....

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He has raised Jesus from the dead.
God has claimed us as his own.
He has brought us out of darkness.
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Hymn: Thine be the Glory

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples
and said 'Peace be with you'.
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.

The Blessing

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.