

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2026 11.00 am**

**Easter Sunday**

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### Welcome & Intimations

- The Sunday School will meet in Room 2 today.
- Please ensure all mobile phones are switched off or in silent mode during the Service.
- Please place your offering in the Offering Plates as these are uplifted during the Service.
- Tea and Coffee will be available after Church today in the Cameron Hall.
- There will be a Vestry Hour at 10am on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2026 followed by our midweek Service at 11.10am.

### Introit

### Call to Worship

### Hymn 410 Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia.

- 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  
unto Christ, our heavenly King,  
who endured the Cross and grave,  
sinners to redeem and save.
- 3 But the anguish he endured  
our salvation has procured;  
now in heaven Christ is King  
where the angels ever sing.

- 4 Sing we to our God above  
praise eternal as his love;  
praise him all you heavenly host,  
Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

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### Call to Prayer

### Prayer of Approach and Confession

### Children's Address

### Sing Out An Easter Song

#### CHORUS

*Sing out an Easter song,  
Tell everyone that the Lord has risen.  
Sing out a joyful song,  
Tell everybody that He's alive!*

- 1 Jesus Christ, Son of God,  
Gave His life upon a cross.  
But the power of death was not  
Enough to hold Him down.

#### CHORUS

- 2 Taken down from public view,  
He was placed inside a tomb.  
But the power of love broke through  
And raised Him back to life!

#### CHORUS

3 He returned to see His friends,  
Showed Himself alive again.  
What a day it must have been  
To have Him back again!  
CHORUS x 2

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### St. John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. <sup>2</sup> So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!” <sup>3</sup> So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. <sup>4</sup> Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, <sup>7</sup> as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus’ head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. <sup>8</sup> Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. <sup>9</sup> (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples went back to where they were staying. <sup>11</sup> Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb <sup>12</sup> and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus’ body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. <sup>13</sup> They asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?” “They have taken my Lord away,” she said, “and I don’t know where they have put him.” <sup>14</sup> At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> He asked her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?” Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.” <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned toward him and cried

out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means “Teacher”). <sup>17</sup> Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” <sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that he had said these things to her.

### Anthem

### Sermon

### The Offering (& Sung Doxology: Hymn 807)

### Prayer of Intercession

### Hymn 665 One bread, one body, one Lord of all

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all  
One cup of blessing which we bless  
And we, though many, throughout the Earth  
We are one body in this one Lord*

Gentile or Jew  
Servant or free  
Woman or man - No more

### *Refrain*

Many the gifts,  
many the works  
One in the Lord of all

### *Refrain*

Grain for the fields,  
Scattered and grown,  
Gathered to one for all.

### *Refrain*

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

Choral Amen (3-fold)

**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, and the power, and the glory, for  
ever. Amen.**

**Hymn 419 Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,**

1 Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son;  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.  
*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son:  
Endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won.*

2 Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.  
Let his church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing;  
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.  
*Refrain*

3 No more we doubt thee, glorious prince of life!  
Life is nought without thee; aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:  
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.  
*Refrain*