

Sunday 4th. April, 2021 Easter Sunday
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Scripture Sentence

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways
to the glory of your holy name.

Hymn 422 Christ is alive, and the universe must celebrate

- 1 Christ is alive, and the universe must celebrate,
and the stars and the suns shout on this Easter Day!
Christ is alive, and his family must celebrate
in a great alleluia, a great alleluia
to praise the power that made the stone roll away.

2 Here is our hope: in the mystery of suffering
is the heartbeat of Love, Love that will not let go,
here is our hope, that in God we are not separate,
and we sing alleluia, we sing alleluia
to praise the power that made the stone roll away.

- 3 Christ Spirit, dance through the dullness of humanity
to the music of God, God who has set us free!
You are the pulse of the new creation's energy;
with a great alleluia, a great alleluia
we praise the power that made the stone roll away.

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Scripture: St. John 20:1-18

Sermon

Musical Interlude

Prayer of Intercession

Hymn 673 Let us talents and tongues employ,

- 1 Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

*Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!*

2 Christ is able to make us one,
at his table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express.

Chorus

3 Jesus calls us in - sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel!) everywhere.

Chorus

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Responses for Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Great and wonderful are your works,
God the Creator of all...

and with the whole company of heaven,
we lift up our hearts in joyful praise, saying:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

**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.**

Breaking of Bread

Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us peace.

Benediction

Choral Amen (3-fold.)