

# Christ is Risen

## A Service of the Word in Eastertide

### Welcome and Introduction

*We say together the words printed in bold.*

### The Greeting

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All He has given us new life and hope.  
He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

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### Prayer of Adoration

Living God,  
we worship you today with joy in our hearts  
and thanksgiving on our lips.  
When the powers of evil had done their worst,  
crucifying your son, and burying him in death,  
you raised him to life again:  
an act of power giving hope to the world.

Lord Jesus,  
we rejoice that death could not keep you in its grip;  
that you were raised to life, alive for evermore.  
You greeted your friends  
and now you stand amongst us in your risen power.

Spirit of God,  
you are always giving life to the people of God,  
giving birth to children of God.  
Remodel us in the image of Jesus,  
fill us with his love  
and enable us with his risen power,  
that we might be faithful to his way,  
used by you in the redeeming of your world.

**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.

**All 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.

**All Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone,  
and doubted our home in heaven.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

**All Lord, hear us and help us.**

**Absolution.**

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.

**All Amen**

***Gloria or hymn expressing praise***

**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****Scripture Readings***After each reading*

Hear the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.****Reflection****Affirmation of Faith**

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

**All 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:  
**All in your mercy, hear us.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Gathering our prayers and praise into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us

**All Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

### **The Peace**

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

**All and also with you.**

**The Blessing**

God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,  
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.

**All Amen**

God the Son, who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory,  
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

**All Amen**

God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord,  
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

**All Amen**

And the blessing ...

**The Dismissal**

Leave in peace to love and serve the Lord

**All In the name of Christ, Amen.**