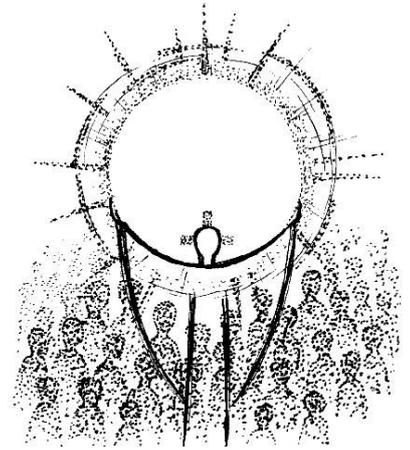


## Christ is Risen

### A Service of the Word in the Season of Easter

- *You may like to light a candle at the start of this act of worship.*
- *If you wish to sing a hymn at the designated places, please refer to the hymns document which was emailed at the start of “worship from home”.*
- *Please see the separate document which contains the Collect for each Sunday (3<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> May) and the references to each Sunday’s Bible readings. (Please note: if you access the online service, the Bible passage/s may be different from the ones on the attached sheet!)*



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.**

**He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

### ***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***

*You may wish to sing a hymn at this point*

### ***Prayers of Penitence***

Like Mary at the empty tomb,

we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Like the disciples behind locked doors,

we are afraid to be seen as your followers.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Like Thomas in the upper room,  
we are slow to believe.

**Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of love and power  
forgive us and free us from our sins,  
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,  
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### ***The Collect or Special Prayer for Today***

*See separate sheet for weekly collects*

### ***Reading***

*See separate sheet for the weekly readings*

*After the reading/s:*

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

**Alleluia.**

He has defeated the powers of death.

**Alleluia.**

Jesus turns our sorrow into dancing.

**Alleluia.**

He has the words of eternal life.

**Alleluia.**

### ***Hymn***

*You may wish to sing a hymn at this point*

### ***Affirmation of Faith***

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***

*We begin with the Church of England Prayer for all affected by coronavirus*

Keep us, good Lord,  
under the shadow of your mercy.  
Sustain and support the anxious,  
be with those who care for the sick,  
and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may find comfort  
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.     **Amen.**

*Please use this time for your own prayers, asking for God's love and mercy*

- *on our world and on our leaders;*
- *on our health-care workers, and on all other front-line workers who are maintaining food supplies, public services, public utilities, safety, assisting the vulnerable;*
- *on our family and friends;*
- *on all who are lonely, unwell, anxious, afraid;*
- *on the bereaved;*
- *on ourselves.*

***You may wish to use the structure below to aid you, using your own words at ....***

Jesus, light of the world,  
bring the light and peace of your gospel to the nations ...  
Jesus, Lord of life,  
**in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, bread of life,  
give food to the hungry ...  
and nourish us all with your word.  
Jesus, Lord of life,  
**in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, our way, our truth, our life,  
be with us and all who follow you in the way ...  
Deepen our appreciation of your truth  
and fill us with your life.  
Jesus, Lord of life,  
**in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep,  
recover the straggler,  
bind up the injured,  
strengthen the sick  
and lead the healthy and strong to new pastures.  
Jesus, Lord of life,  
**in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, the resurrection and the life,  
we give you thanks for all who have lived and believed in you ...  
Raise us with them to eternal life.  
Jesus, Lord of life,  
**in your mercy, hear us,  
accept our prayers, and be with us always.**  
**Amen.**

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

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.**

### ***Hymn***

*You may wish to sing a hymn at this point*

### ***Concluding acclamation***

We are raised to new life with Christ.  
Let us go in his peace. Alleluia, alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

