



Northwest Christchurch Parish

Church@Home Service

17 April 2022 – EASTER SUNDAY

If you'd like to, please have a candle at hand and join in lighting a candle at home to represent the Christ candle at the appropriate time during the service.

Today our theme is: HOPE LIVES ALWAYS

We invite you to take a moment or two to be still and ask God to be present with you as you worship.

Opening Song

Come People of the Risen King

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9j07fbld3uY>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch/9j07fbld3uY> (chrome)

Greeting and Call to worship

Christ is Risen

He is risen indeed!

HALLELUJAH!

This is the good news - the grave is empty;

Christ is risen. Hallelujah!

This is the good news - the light shines in the darkness,

And the darkness can never put it out. Hallelujah!

This is the good news - once we were far off;

Now we are God's people. Hallelujah!

Christ is our peace, the hope of Glory.

Christ is Risen. Hallelujah!

Opening Prayer

O living Lord,

On the first Easter Day You stood in the midst of Your disciples
as the conqueror of sin and death and spoke to them your peace.

Come to us, we pray, in Your risen power and make us glad with Your presence,
and so breathe Your Holy Spirit into our hearts that we may be strong to serve
You and spread abroad Your good news, for the glory of Your great name.

Amen

Lighting the Christ Candle

The Risen Christ lives today!

We are witnesses to these things.

We sing praise to God who is with us always.

May the Light of Christ, drive all darkness from our hearts and minds!

Amen!

Song

Glory in the Highest

(sorry no video but feel free to either sing or read the words below)

Glory in the highest to the God of heaven!

Peace to all Your people through the earth be given!

Mighty God and Father, thanks and praise we bring,

Singing alleluia to our heavenly King;

Singing alleluia to our heavenly King.

Jesus Christ is risen, God the Father's Son!

With the Holy Spirit, You are Lord alone!

Lamb once killed for sinners, all our guilt to bear,

Show us now Your mercy, now receive our prayer;

Show us now Your mercy, now receive our prayer.

Christ the world's true Saviour, high and holy one,

Seated now and reigning from Your Father's throne:

Lord and God, we praise You! Highest heaven adores:

In the Father's glory, all the praise be Yours;

In the Father's glory, all the praise be Yours!

Confession and forgiveness

We still our hearts and minds as we come to a time of repentance and forgiveness

Time of silence

Holy God resurrection is not what we expect in our world.
On the face of things, life seems to be under threat...
our earth is grieving,
our families are fracturing,
our nations are at war,
and the light of our hope is growing dim.

We need the stone to be rolled away again.

Forgive us, where we failed to honour and preserve life in all its diversity and glory:

Forgive us, where we have allowed riches and recognition to become more important than relationships:

Forgive us, for exalting our needs and desires over those of others,

Forgive us, and all who have grown blind to all the signs of resurrection that beckon us still.

We need the stone to be rolled away again;

we need life to break out within us again;

we need love to consume us again.

Resurrect us today, O Lord,

and make us agents of Your life

wherever dying and grief hold sway.

In your Holy name. Amen.

In Christ who conquered sin and death- we are forgiven.

Know the power of the resurrection at work in us. Let us be at Peace

Sentence & Prayer

The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!

Prayer

God of Glory, fill Your Church with the power that flows from Christ's resurrection; that in the midst of this sinful world, it may signal the beginning of a renewed humanity, raised to new life with Christ; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever, Amen.

We invite you to take some time to remember God's goodness and resurrection power in us.

Ministry of the Word

1st Reading Acts 10:34-43

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look^[a] into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew,^[b] "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ, the Word.

We invite you to be ministered to by this new song

Response Song

Christ our Hope in Life and Death

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OibIi1rz7mw>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch/OibIi1rz7mw> (chrome)

Prayers of the People (*Wilhelmina*)

Alleluia to our God, who has given us the victory.

Alleluia to our God, who has broken the power of death

Alleluia to our God, who has defeated the depths of darkness.

Alleluia to our God, who has triumphed over evil.

Alleluia to our God, who has won for us life eternal.

In love we give ourselves to you, holy Lord.

In joy we worship you, mighty Son of the Father.

In you is our hope, O Christ, who died and now is risen and lives with the Father and the Holy Spirit one God for ever and ever Amen

Let the whole church rejoice, in city and in open country,

in this land and throughout the world, for Christ is risen.

Let each congregation and fellowship rejoice,

let each heart and mind rejoice, for Christ is risen.

O Lord may we and the whole church rejoice in your victory, Let us proclaim the Good news that death is defeated, we are set free and Christ has won for us the victory. May we reflect your glory and the power of your resurrection.

Lord may we know you.....**and the power of your resurrection**

We pray for all who are struggling for peace. We pray for war torn cities in Ukraine and other countries. We pray for the millions of refugees and internally displaced people; for peoples and countries who have suffered greatly from natural disasters. We pray for all who are longing for new hope and new life; for all who are seeking to rebuild communities and lives, all who are bringing new life and courage to people who are oppressed.

Lord may we know you.....**and the power of your resurrection**

Let the power of the resurrection be known in our homes. May relationships be strengthened and restored. May hurts be healed and well-being restored. We pray for precious children all around the world - that you would help us to do all we can to protect them and give them the start in life that all children deserve to keep them healthy and help them to overcome trauma esp. in those areas where there is war or persecution. We pray for homes where there is violence and neglect.

In you O risen Lord, may hurts be healed and well-being restored
Lord may we know you.....**and the power of your resurrection**

We pray that this Easter many will find hope in you, many will be searching for the truth.

We pray that many who have lost hope or walk in darkness will see the light and turn to you.

We pray for the chronically ill, those who live with pain day by day, those who are terminally ill, for all distressed and disturbed people - may they find peace in their hearts.

We pray for all who have lost loved ones through Covid or other reasons - will you help them in their grief and ease their sorrow. We remember Anne Bowes who is now with you and pray for comfort for her family.

Lord may we know you.....**and the power of your resurrection.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven
Holy 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
Save us from the time of trial
But deliver us from evil
For the kingdom the pow'r and the glory
Are Yours now and forever
Amen

Peace

The peace of the Risen Christ be with us all.

Song **Jesus Christ is Risen today**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jwwO WEnVwU>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch/jwwO WEnVwU> (chrome)

Additional Prayers

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Let's celebrate this irrepressible life;
let's open our hearts to the joy and wonder of infinite possibility,
of unquenched hope,
of eternal resurrection.

**We celebrate, we raise our voices and our hearts in worship
and thanksgiving to the God who lives.**

Resurrection happened because Christ was first prepared to die.
Defying death, He refused to release His hold on life and love.
All glory to You, giver of life, sufficient and full for all creation.

Accept our praises living God,
for Jesus Christ the one perfect offering for the world;
So, now, Lord of Life,
we celebrate together,
and we remember You.
And we will continue to do this until resurrection
has flooded the whole creation.
Send your Holy Spirit on us that we may be filled with resurrection power
and be renewed for your service in the world.
Amen

May we be joined with You, and with one another,
as one body united in resurrection life,
and sharing with all of creation in Your eternal salvation.
Amen.

Song – we invite you to be ministered to by either of the following songs

The Blood of Jesus speaks for me

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nL6ia1nUwxo>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch/nL6ia1nUwxo> (chrome)

or Yet not I but through Christ in me

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DDrXNHjLK0E>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch/DDrXNHjLK0E> (chrome)

Final Prayer

You have given Yourself to us, Lord.

Now we give ourselves for others.

You have raised us with Christ and made us a new people.

As people of the resurrection, we will serve You with joy.

Your glory has filled our hearts.

Help us to glorify You in all things.

FINAL Song Up from the Grave He arose

Contemporary version: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h-xueC_HRh4
https://www.youtube.com/watch/h-xueC_HRh4 (chrome)

Traditional version: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9kowN2rxc0M>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch/9kowN2rxc0M> (chrome)

Verse 1

LOW IN THE GRAVE HE LAY,
Jesus my saviour,
Waiting the coming day,
Jesus my Lord

He arose, a victor from the dark
domain,
And he lives for ever
With his saints to reign –
He arose, he arose, Alleluia –
Christ arose!

Chorus

Up from the grave he arose
With a mighty triumph o'er his foes;

Verse 2

Vainly they watch his bed,
Jesus my saviour;
Vainly they seal the dead,
Jesus my Lord!

Death cannot keep his prey,
Jesus my saviour;
He tore the bars away,
Jesus my Lord!

Verse 3

Dismissal

Go now in the power of the resurrection to love and serve the Lord

We go in the name of Christ. HALLELUJAH!

Thank you for the Blood – Charity Gaye-

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Tmtfi1ENYE>

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