

## **WORSHIP**

Easter Day April 12 2020

### **Music**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gc8WNI00jek>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LoYKTFe9dVw>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PDJcir08zF8>

### **Prayer**

Almighty God,  
with joy and praise,  
with awe and wonder,  
with gladness and celebration,  
we bring our Easter worship.

We lift up our hearts,  
we lift up our thoughts,  
we lift up our voices,  
we lift up our souls,  
recognising afresh all that you have done for us in Christ.

We rejoice in the message of this day,  
the good news at the heart of our faith –  
light after darkness,  
joy after sorrow,  
good after evil,  
life after death!

Almighty God,  
speak to us again today  
through all we read, hear, sing and do.

May the truth of the resurrection inspire us with new hope.  
May the victory of Christ fill us with new joy.  
May the reality of his presence fill us with new faith.  
And so may we serve you with new energy  
to the glory of your name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
who taught us to pray saying:

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  
and forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us in the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil  
for the kingdom, the power and the glory  
are yours,  
now and forever.  
**Amen.**

Reading

**Matthew 28:1-10**

**Sermon** (Video posted Monday)

### **Prayers for Others**

Loving God

At a time of immense worry and difficulty in our world,  
we praise you that this time of Easter has come around once again.  
The pandemic we face is frightening and real  
but so is the unchanging truth of Easter.  
So we bring our thanks today for this time of celebration,  
this time of praise,  
this time of thanksgiving.  
Easter is a time that changes the way we think,  
the way we act,  
the way we live –  
this is the event that changes everything.

And so we pray for change in the world,  
for change in all those places where there is human need.

We pray for the poor, the homeless,  
the sick and the hungry.  
We pray for victims of war,  
for refugees and asylum seekers,  
for divided communities and countries.

We pray for the sorrowful, the fearful,  
the troubled in heart and mind.

We pray for the oppressed, the persecuted,  
the imprisoned and the exploited.

We pray for the situation facing the entire world today – the corona virus pandemic.  
We pray for those who are vulnerable and suffering from the disease,  
and for those who are struggling to cope with isolation.  
We pray for doctors, nurses and care staff who risk their personal safety to battle the virus.  
We pray for the scientists and medics seeking to find wise ways to respond,

and we give thanks for the myriad actions that are being taken by people to consider their neighbours and to act to help them.

We pray for ourselves, and our own fears  
and we ask that our trust in you to care for us will be strengthened  
and central to our lives.

We pray for those people we know best and are close to  
who are uppermost on our minds today,  
and who need your blessing.

Living God, may the truth of Easter break  
into both people and situations,  
bringing help and healing,  
strength and support,

comfort and courage,  
hope and help, faith and freedom,  
love and life,  
the change that only you can bring.

Bring us your healing, your forgiveness,  
your mercy and your encouragement  
to serve one another in Jesus' name.  
Hear all our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord  
**Amen.**

### **Closing Prayer**

May God our maker bless us  
and wrap us round  
in love and tenderness.

May Jesus our brother bless us  
and ask us the questions  
that lead us to do justice.

May the Holy Spirit bless us  
and fill our lives  
with her courage and wisdom.

May we live bravely in the love of the Trinity  
all our nights and days.

**Amen**