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Please join in with the words in **bold** type

WELCOME by Rev Jonny Blair

WE SING

**When I survey the wondrous cross**

**on which the Prince of glory died,**

**my richest gain I count but loss,**

**and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,**

**save in the death of Christ my God:**

**All the vain things that charm me most,**

**I sacrifice them to His blood.**

**See from His head, His hands, His feet,**

**sorrow and love flow mingled down:**

**Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,**

**or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**Were the whole realm of Nature mine,**

**that were an offering far too small;**

**Love so amazing, so divine,**

**demands my soul, my life, my all!**

Isaac Watts

READINGS Genesis 22: 1-18

Isaiah 53: 1-12

Psalm 22: 1-5

And the end of each reading, we use the following response:

Reader This is the word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God**

WE SING

**There is a green hill far away,**

**Outside a city wall,**

**Where the dear Lord was crucified,**

**Who died to save us all.**

**We may not know, we cannot tell,**

**What pains He had to bear;**

**But we believe it was for us**

**He hung and suffered there.**

**He died that we might be forgiven,**

**He died to make us good,**

**That we might go at last to heaven,**

**Saved by His precious blood.**

**There was no other good enough**

**To pay the price of sin;**

**He only could unlock the gate**

**Of heaven, and let us in.**

**O dearly, dearly has He loved!**

**And we must love Him too,**

**And trust in His redeeming blood,**

**And try His works to do.**

READING John 20: 1-20

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**All Thanks be to God**

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Minister Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Minister Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:

**All he has given us new life and hope   
by raising Jesus from the dead.**

Minister God has claimed us as his own:

**All He has made us a light to the world.**

Minister Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

WE SING

**Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;**

**Endless is the victory, Thou o'er death hast won.**

**Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,**

**Kept the folded grave-clothes where Thy body lay.**

***Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;***

***Endless is the victory, Thou o'er death hast won!***

**Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb!**

**Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom.**

**Let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing,**

**For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.**

***Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;***

***Endless is the victory, Thou o'er death hast won!***

**No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life;**

**Life is naught without Thee: aid us in our strife;**

**Make us more than conquerors, through Thy deathless love;**

**Lead us in Thy triumph to Thy home above.**

***Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;***

***Endless is the victory, Thou o'er death hast won!***

SERMON by Steve Austin-Sparks

WE SING

**See, what a morning, gloriously bright,**

**With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;**

**Folded, the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light,**

**As the angels announce Christ is risen!**

**See God’s salvation plan, wrought in love, borne in pain,**

**Paid in sacrifice,**

**Fulfilled in Christ the Man,**

**For He lives, Christ is risen from the dead!**

**See Mary weeping, ’Where is He laid?’**

**As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;**

**Hears a voice speaking, calling her name;**

**It’s the Master, the Lord raised to life again!**

**The voice that spans the years,**

**Speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,**

**Will sound till He appears,**

**For He lives, Christ is risen from the dead!**

**One with the Father, Ancient of Days,**

**Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty;**

**Honour and blessing, glory and praise**

**To the King crowned with power and authority!**

**And we are raised with Him,**

**Death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered;**

**And we shall reign with Him,**

**For He lives, Christ is risen from the dead!**

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STATEMENT OF FAITH

*Minister* Friends, if you believe in this Easter message, let us declare together our faith in the resurrection of the 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.**

READINGS Acts 10: 34c – 43

Romans 10: 4-15

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**All Thanks be to God**

PRAISE, THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSIONS

concluding with the Lord’s Prayer, which we pray together:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,**

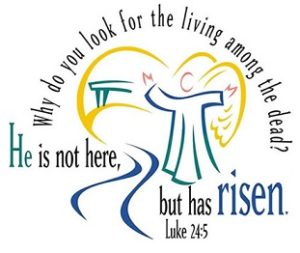
**your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.**

**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 forever. Amen.**



WE SING

**Crown Him with many crowns,**

**The Lamb upon His throne;**

**Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns**

**All music but its own!**

**Awake, my soul, and sing**

**Of Him who died for thee,**

**And hail Him as thy matchless King**

**Through all eternity.**

**Crown Him the Lord of life,**

**Who triumphed o'er the grave**

**And rose victorious in the strife**

**For those He came to save:**

**His glories now we sing,**

**Who died and rose on high,**

**Who died eternal life to bring**

**And lives that death may die.**

**Crown Him the Lord of love;**

**Behold His hands and side,**

**Those wounds yet visible above**

**In beauty glorified:**

**No angel in the sky**

**Can fully bear that sight,**

**But downward bends His burning eye**

**At mysteries so bright.**

**Crown Him the Lord of years,**

**The Potentate of time,**

**Creator of the rolling spheres,**

**Ineffably sublime!**

**All hail, Redeemer, hail!**

**For Thou hast died for me;**

**Thy praise shall never, never fail**

**Throughout eternity.**

BLESSING

Minister God the Father,

by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,

open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.

**All Amen.**

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

**All Amen.**

Minister God the Holy Spirit,

whom the risen Lord breathed into his disciples,

empower you and fill you with Christ’s peace.

**All Amen.**

Minister And the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always.

**All Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Minister God of our salvation, you have restored us to life

and brought us back again into your love

by the triumphant death and resurrection of Christ.

**All Continue to fill us, empower us and heal us   
as we go to live and work in the power of your Spirit,   
to your praise and glory. Amen**

Minister Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

***At the end of the service,***

***free tea and coffee and hot cross buns***

***are served at Gino’s café.***

*You are welcome to buy your own cooked breakfast,*

*which Gino is kindly supplying at a discounted rate.*



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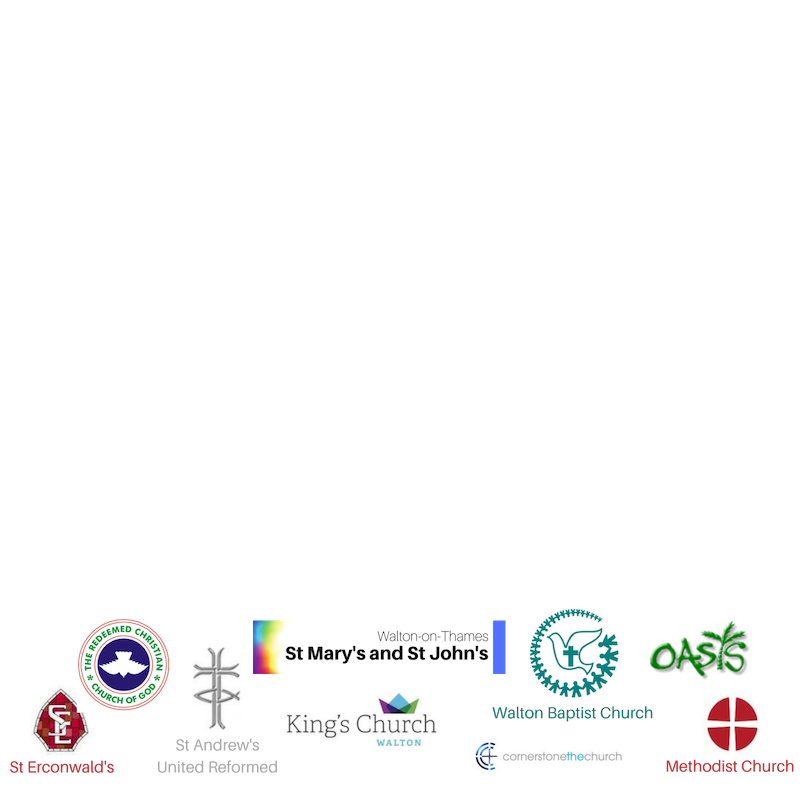
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