

# **Home Communion**

## **Easter Sunday**

### **12<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

#### **A locked church**

*Ah my dear Lord, the church is locked  
but let my heart be open to your presence;  
there let us make, you and I,  
your Easter garden;  
plant it with flowers,  
and let the heavy stone be rolled away.*

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Lighting a candle using the following prayer:

**Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end,  
Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him, and all ages;  
to him be glory and power, throughout every age and for  
ever. Amen.**

#### **THE EASTER GREETING:**

**Alleluia, Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!  
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#### **Welcome**

**All Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

OH, TO SEE THE DAWN,  
Of the darkest day,  
Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men,  
Torn and beaten, then,  
Nailed to a cross of wood.

*This, the power of the cross;  
Christ became sin for us.  
Took the blame, bore the wrath -  
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh, to see the pain,  
Written on the face,  
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.  
Every bitter thought,  
Every evil deed,  
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

Now the daylight flees,  
Now the ground beneath,  
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.  
Curtain torn in two,  
Dead are raised to life,  
'Finished!' the victory cry.

Oh, to see my name,  
Written in the wounds,  
For through Your suffering I am free.  
Death is crushed to death,  
Life is mine to live,  
Won through Your selfless love.

**FINAL CHORUS: This, the power of the cross;  
Son of God - slain for us.  
What a love! What a cost!  
We stand forgiven at the cross.**

## **Confession**

Christ the light of the world has come to dispel  
the darkness of our hearts.  
In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

All   **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of  
Life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

## **Absolution**

### **The Collect For Easter Day**

**Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. AMEN**

### **Reading – I Corinthians, Chapter 15 verses 51-58**

This is the word of the Lord  
All   **Thanks be to God**

## **Talk**

### **Prayers**

### **The Peace**

### **The Communion**

The Lord is here.  
**All His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

### **Short Preface**

*But chiefly are we bound to praise you because you raised him gloriously from the dead. For he is the true paschal lamb who was offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has restored to us everlasting life.*

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you, and saying:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Great is the mystery of faith:

**All Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**

**All Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**All Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

There in the ground his body lay.  
Light of the world by darkness slain;  
then bursting forth in glorious day  
up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
for I am his and he is mine -  
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
this is the power of Christ in me;  
from life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
can ever pluck me from his hand;  
till he returns or calls me home,  
here in the power of Christ I stand.

IN CHRIST ALONE my hope is found,  
he is my light, my strength, my song;  
this cornerstone, this solid ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love,  
what depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all,  
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh,  
fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
scorned by the ones he came to save:  
till on that cross as Jesus died,  
the wrath of God was satisfied -  
for every sin on him was laid;  
here in the death of Christ I live.

### The Final Blessing