

Evening Worship *in* Eastertide on Zoom

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Before the service

You may wish to say this prayer of preparation as you wait for the service to begin.

Risen Lord, as I sit and wait in silence,
quieten my thoughts so that I may listen to your voice,
your still small voice which speaks deep within me.
Make my heart beat in time with yours,
and glow with the fire of your love. Amen.

The Gathering



The Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Praise the God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:

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

God has claimed us as his own:

He has made us light to the world.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Revd Katrina introduces the service.

Opening Prayer

Let us pray. *Silence.*

Almighty God,
your Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence.
Give us new hearts and constant wills
to worship you in spirit and truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Prayers of Penitence

In baptism we died with Christ,
so that as Christ was raised from the dead,
we might walk in newness of life.
Let us receive new life in him
as we confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence.

Like the women at the empty tomb,
at times, we have failed to grasp the wonder of your risen life.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Like the disciples behind locked doors,
at times, in fear or selfishness, we have forgotten to care for others.
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Like Thomas in the upper room,
at times, we have doubted that you are with us.
Lord, have mercy.

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

Let us pray that the Risen Lord will reign in our hearts,
and inspire us to new life in him. *Silence.*

The Collect for today is said. We respond with Amen.

The Word

Readings

We listen to today's two readings.

At the end of each the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Short Talk or Reflection

followed by a time of silence.

Music - A Post-Readings and Reflection Hymn

sung to a YouTube video.

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Amen.

cf. Ephesians 3

Our Prayers

We pray for:

- *Our journey of faith*
- *Our world in this time of crisis*
- *Our villages, families and homes*
- *Our sick and dying, and all who care for them*
- *Our loved ones who have died and all who mourn for them*

At the end of each prayer, the following is said:

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We pause for a time of silent prayer and reflection.

Merciful Father, accept our prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.**

Conclusion

Notices

Music - Our "Going Out" hymn

sung to a YouTube video

Closing Prayer

Let us pray:
In darkness and in light,
in trouble and in joy,
help us, heavenly Father,
to trust your love,
to serve your purpose,
and to praise your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Blessing

May Christ,
who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future,
fill you with his new life;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

We are raised to new life with Christ.
Go in his peace. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.