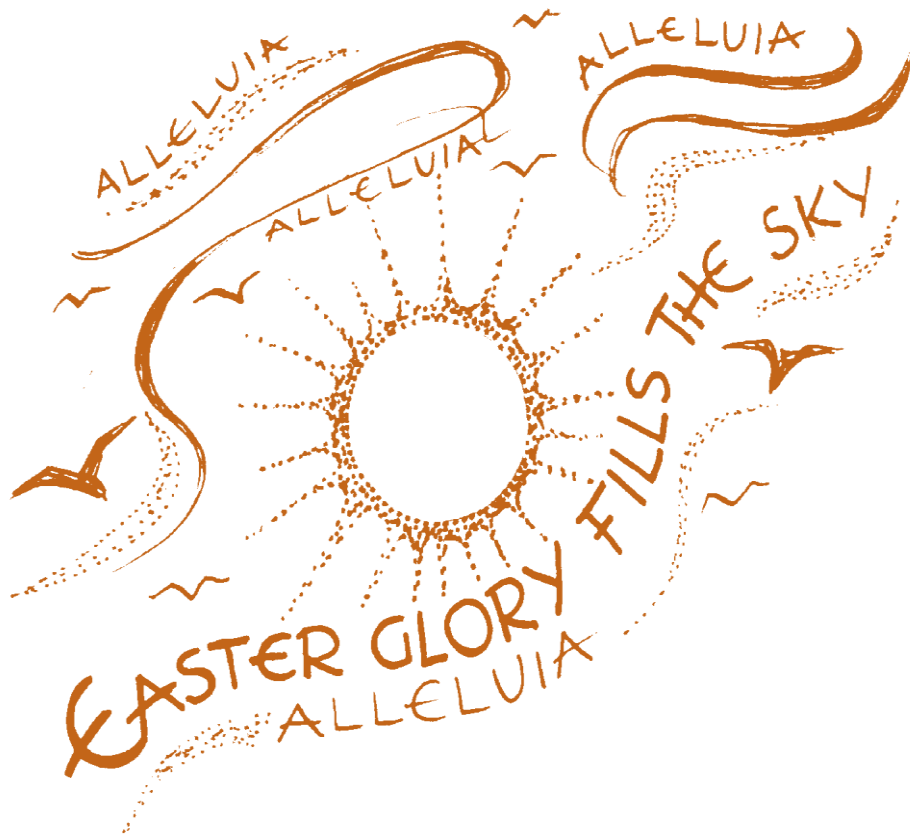


Sunday Morning Worship at Home During Eastertide



If you join Rev Maria live at 10 am via YouTube, you may wish to light a candle and have this order of service at hand.

If you do this on your own some other time, you may wish to have some reflective music playing in the background too.

*“The Lord is good, a strong refuge when trouble comes.
God is close to those who trust in him.”
Nahum 1:7*

Preparation

O Lord, open our lips
All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

In your resurrection, O Christ,
All let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia.

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,
to you be praise and glory for ever.
As once you led your people through the waters
from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the promised land,
now you have delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your beloved Son.
Rising from death, he has destroyed death
and opened to us the gate of everlasting life.
May we, the first fruits of your new creation,
rejoice in this day you have made
and praise you for your mighty acts.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

All Blessed be God for ever.

Hymn/Song

Prayers of Penitence

In baptism we died with Christ, so that as Christ was raised from the
death, we might walk in newness of life.

Let us receive new life in him
as we confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Romans 6:10

Silence is kept.

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins.
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you feed us with the living bread.

Lord, have mercy.

All 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.

All Amen.

Bible Readings

The bible readings used can be found on church website/ Virtual Church/ Sunday Services. The Eastertide readings are from the Acts and the Gospel.

At the end of the first reading, the reader says

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

At the beginning of the Gospel reading this is said

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

All Alleluia.

He has defeated the powers of death.

All Alleluia.

Jesus turns our sorrow into dancing.

All Alleluia.

He has the words of the eternal life.

All Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N.*

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection

Prayers

We pray to Jesus who is present with us to eternity.

Jesus, light of the world,
bring the light and peace of your gospel in the midst of turmoil.
We give thanks for dedicated medical teams working around the world to nurse the sick and dying with care and compassion.
We give thanks for researchers in the quest for testing and vaccination for Covid-19 and for the manufacturers of medicines and medical supplies.
Remind us that your light shines in the darkness and darkness has never overcome it.

Jesus, Lord of Life,
All in your mercy, hear us.

Space for your own prayers...

Jesus, bread of life,
give food to the hungry.
We call to mind the forgotten humanitarian crisis' unfolding in poorer countries around the world, where people threatened by Coronavirus are also threatened by starvation.
We remember refugees and asylum seekers, fleeing from war, now stranded in ill-equipped border camps far from home.
Release resources to the aid agencies that there might be enough food for everyone and nourish us all with your life-giving word.

Jesus, Lord of Life,
All in your mercy, hear us.

Space for your own prayers...

Jesus, our way, our truth, our life,
be with us and all who seek to do what is right in times of adversity.
We pray for all in government with the heavy responsibility for the lives of others, under tremendous strain from daily crisis meetings and press conferences.

We pray that all nations will lay aside their differences and self-interest in order to work together in unity to defeat a common enemy. Grant them godly wisdom and discernment in their decision making for the common good of all humanity across the globe.

Jesus, Lord of Life,
All in your mercy, hear us.

Space for your own prayers...

Jesus, Good Shepherd,
who seeks for the lost and binds up the injured.
We ask for a strengthening of community life,
which will endure long after the current crisis is past.
We pray for the isolated, lonely and vulnerable within our
communities, that they might be encouraged and supported by good
neighbours. Lead them to green pastures to restore the soul
and comfort them even though they walk through dark valleys.

Jesus, Lord of Life,
All in your mercy, hear us.

Space for your own prayers...

Jesus, the resurrection and the life,
we give thanks for all who have lived and believed in you.
We pray for all those who are close to death,
that they may recognise your presence with them
and encounter your saving power.
We pray for the bereaved, aware that they may not have been with
loved ones in their final moments.
Pour out your grace in times of loss and grief
and give courage to face the future, trusting in your promise of life
everlasting.

Jesus, Lord of Life,
**All in your mercy, hear us,
accept our prayers,
and be with us always.
Amen.**

Collect

*The Collect for the day is said and at the end all say **Amen.***

The Lord's Prayer

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.

The Conclusion

May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life.
All **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**