

**Christ is Risen!**  
**A Service of the Word in Easter**  
The Greeting

Allelulia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Allelulia!**

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**He has given us new life and hope.**

**He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

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Opening Prayer

**Faithful one, whose word is life:**

**Come with saving power**

**To free our praise,**

**Inspire our prayer**

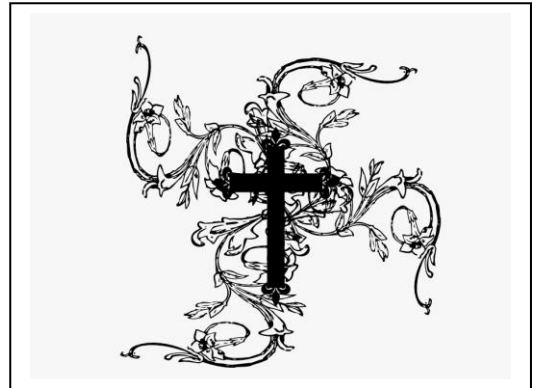
**And shape our lives**

**For the kingdom of your Son,**

**Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

*A Hymn / Worship song(s) may be sung*



**Hymn 58**

Morning has broken

like the first morning;

blackbird has spoken

like the first bird.

Praise for the singing!

Praise for the morning!

Praise for them, springing

fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall

sunlit from heaven,

like the first dew-fall

on the first grass.

Praise for the sweetness

of the wet garden,

sprung in completeness

where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight!  
Mine is the morning  
born of the one light  
Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation,  
praise every morning,  
God's re-creation  
of the new day!

### Prayers of Penitence

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,  
We come to you in sorrow for our sins,  
And confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,  
And not by the power of your resurrection.  
In your mercy, forgive us.  
**Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,  
As faithless and not believing.  
In your mercy, forgive us.  
**Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone,  
And doubted our home in heaven.  
In your mercy, forgive us.  
**Lord, hear us and help us.**

May the God of love and power  
Forgive you and free you from your sins,  
Heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,  
And raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## The Collect

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.**

Psalm: An act of praise based on psalm 145

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised:  
There is no end to his greatness.  
**On generation shall praise your works to another,  
And shall declare your power.**

All creation praises you, Lord,  
And your faithful servants bless you.  
**They declare the glory of your kingdom  
And tell of your mighty power.**

My mouth shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.  
**Let every living thing bless his holy name for ever and ever.**

## Reading John 15: 1-8

15 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes\* to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed\* by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become\* my disciples.

This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

*A PIECE OF INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC IS PLAYED*

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

**Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Christ died for our sins  
In accordance with the Scriptures;  
He was buried;  
He was raised to new life on the third day  
In accordance with the Scriptures;  
Afterwards he appeared to his followers,  
And to all the apostles:  
This we have receive,  
And this we believe.  
Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

Gathering our prayers and praise into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us.  
**Our Father in heaven,  
Hallowed be your name,  
You Kingdom come,  
Your will be done,  
On earth as it is 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 for ever.  
Amen.**

**Notices**

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**Hymn 429**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have come to us,  
you are one with us,  
Mary's son  
cleansing our souls from all their sin,  
pouring your love and goodness in;  
Jesus, our love for you we sing, living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,  
now and every day  
teach us how to pray,  
Son of God.  
you have commanded us to do  
this in remembrance, Lord of you;  
into our lives your power breaks through, living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have come to us,  
born as one of us,  
Mary's son  
led out to die on Calvary,  
risen from death to set us free;  
living Lord Jesus, help us see you are Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,  
we would come to you,  
live our lives for you,  
Son of God;  
all your commands we know are true;  
your many gifts will make us new;  
into our lives your power breaks through, living Lord.

Concluding Praise

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**He has given us new life and hope.**

**He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

God has claimed us as his own.  
**He has brought us out of darkness.**  
**He has made us light to the world.**  
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**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

### Blessing

The love of the Lord Jesus  
Draw you to himself,  
The power of the Lord Jesus  
Strengthen you for his service,  
The joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;  
And the blessing of God Almighty,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Bless you and keep you now and always.  
**Amen.**

### Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord:  
**Thanks be to God.**  
**Blessing, honour and glory be yours,**  
**Here and everywhere,**  
**Now and for ever.**  
**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021. Easter V  
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## Notices:

- Toilets are available for use. Follow the one way system to use them. Please leave them as you'd wish to find them and take the necessary hand hygiene seriously, remembering to turn off the tap with a paper towel. The disinfectant spray supplied should be used on the toilet seat and flush handle after use.
- Under GDPR guidance we need to tell you that we will be recording the service and/or livestreaming. The camera will point towards the nave altar and pulpit and not towards the congregation although those coming to and from the side areas will be in the camera view for a short time.
- A service of Compline is livestreamed on 'St John's Malone' Facebook every Wednesday evening at 7.30pm. If you do not have a Prayer Book at home, ask the churchwardens and they will supply you with one from church. BCP pg.154. Alternatively you'll find it on the Church of Ireland website Worship section BCP 2004 texts. The service has a recurring link for Zoom. See weekly letter.
- Access to the suite of church halls is still strictly limited. Contact the Rector before entering the halls or church and follow the necessary hygiene and cleansing precautions. For the purposes of tracking and tracing complete the register in the white files provided in each hall thank you.
- **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>** 10.30am Mid-week Eucharist resumes
- **Next Sunday**, Easter 6 10.30am The Eucharist
- Zoom Café continues at 11.30am on Sundays
- **Easter Book Group – Candles in the dark.** Faith, hope and love in a time of pandemic by Rowan Williams.

An opportunity to reflect on a year of Covid19 and Lockdowns using this book on what we've experienced and learnt is offered to any parishioner who would like to join this discussion time. **The chapters on pages 50-69** should be read for this Tuesday at 7.30pm on. Here is the link to the publisher's online bookshop and it is available here in paperback, ebook and audio.

<https://spckpublishing.co.uk/candles-in-the-dark>

Please PRINT your name and the names of any accompanying you today and supply a phone number to enable tracking and tracing. If you become ill with any symptoms of Covid19 *and are subsequently tested positive*, please contact the Rector as soon as possible and follow government guidelines. Deposit this sheet in the box in the porch on the way out. Thank you.

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**Please disperse on leaving the church.**