



**Service of Morning Prayer.** Sunday 12th April .  
Easter Sunday!

**All Saints at all times and in all seasons,  
committed to being a church  
of Up (worship & prayer),  
In (deep community & lifelong discipleship),  
and Out, (service of others & evangelism).**

### The Gathering of God's People

*Welcome by Revd Grant*

It is Easter Day! Welcome everyone – all ages all sorts all backgrounds, part of All Saints, visitors joining us this morning – welcome!

We worship and adore our risen crucified Lord.  
He has risen! The tomb is empty.

I hope you can see a copy of our liturgy as we worship together.

*On this Easter Sunday, as I enter worship and prayer now, I pause to be still, as I re-center my scattered senses upon the presence of the living God...*

Christ yesterday and today,  
**All the beginning and the end,**

Alpha and Omega,  
all time belongs to him, and all ages;  
**All to him be glory and power,  
through every age and for ever. Amen.**

*The Easter candle is lit.*  
May the light of Christ, rising in glory,  
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

The light of Christ.  
**All Thanks be to God.**

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

**Song**

*Revd Grant says:*  
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This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life.

Throughout the world Christians - in public and in secret - celebrate the awesome power of God. As we hear his word and proclaim all that God has done, we can be confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him for ever.

### Gloria in Excelsis (together we say)

**All Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

*We come to a time of penitence, re-centering our lives upon our risen crucified Lord.*

### **Prayers of Penitence**

Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God. Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil, and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

*Pause to reflect*

*Let us recognise our sins.*

**All Lord God,  
we have sinned against you;  
we have done evil in your sight.  
We are sorry and repent.  
Have mercy on us according to your love.  
Wash away our wrongdoing  
and cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us  
and restore us to the joy of your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The minister declares God's forgiveness*

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.

**All Amen.**

Blessed is the Lord,

**All for he has heard the voice of our prayer;**

therefore shall our hearts dance for joy

**All and in our song will we praise our God.**

The night has passed,  
and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept.*

As we rejoice in the gift of this glorious day,  
so may the light of your presence,  
O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you;  
now and for ever. **Amen**

### **Proclaiming and Receiving the Word**

**Psalm 118 v1-2, 14-24.**

1 Give thanks to the Lord , for he is good; his love  
endures forever.

2 Let Israel say: "His love endures forever."  
The Lord is my strength and my song; he has  
become my salvation.

15 Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of  
the righteous: "The Lord 's right hand has done  
mighty things!

16 The Lord 's right hand is lifted high; the Lord 's  
right hand has done mighty things!"

17 I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the  
Lord has done.

18 The Lord has chastened me severely, but he has  
not given me over to death.

19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will  
enter and give thanks to the Lord

20 This is the gate of the Lord through which the  
righteous may enter

21 I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you  
have become my salvation.

22 The stone the builders rejected has become the  
capstone;

23 the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in  
our eyes.

24 This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice  
and be glad in it

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now,  
and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.**

**Song**

### **Scripture Readings**

**New Testament** : Acts 10:34-43

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**Song**

**New Testament:** John 20:1-18

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*The Easter Anthems (together)*

**1 Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us:  
so let us celebrate the feast,**



**2 not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness:  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.**

**3 Christ once raised from the dead dies no more:  
death has no more dominion over him.**

**4 In dying he died to sin once for all:  
in living he lives to God.**

**5 See yourselves therefore as dead to sin:  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**6 Christ has been raised from the dead:  
the first fruits of those who sleep.**

**7 For as by man came death:  
by man has come also  
the resurrection of the dead;**

**8 for as in Adam all die:  
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall  
be, world without end. Amen.**

**Sermon**

**Song**

**Affirmation of Faith**

Let us declare our faith  
in the resurrection of our 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. *cf 1 Corinthians 15.3-7*  
Amen.**

**We bring Thanksgiving for the Resurrection...**

Let us bless the Father, the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit.

Let us praise and exalt him for ever.  
**All Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be to him who sits upon the throne  
and to the Lamb for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Great and marvellous are your works,  
Lord God the almighty;  
just and true are your ways,  
King of saints; all glorious your gifts, Spirit of life.**

**Blessing and honour  
and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving  
and honour and power and might  
be to our God for ever and ever. Amen.**

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious:  
**All and his love endures for ever.**

He has loved us from all eternity:  
**All for his love endures for ever.**

And remembered us when we were in trouble:  
**All for his love endures for ever.**

For us and for our salvation he came down from  
heaven:  
**All for his love endures for ever.**

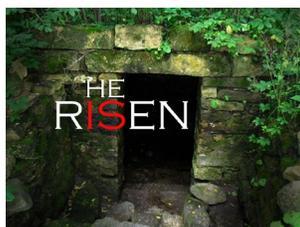
He became incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the  
Virgin Mary and was made man:  
**All for his love endures for ever.**

By his cross and passion he has redeemed the  
world:  
**All for his love endures for ever.**

And has washed us from our sins in his own  
blood:  
**All for his love endures for ever.**

On the third day he rose again:  
**All for his love endures for ever.**  
And has given us the victory:  
**All for his love endures for ever.**

He ascended into heaven:  
**All for his love endures for ever.**



And opened wide for us the everlasting doors:

**All for his love endures for ever.**

He is seated at the right hand of the Father:

**All for his love endures for ever.**

And ever lives to make intercession for us:

**All for his love endures for ever.**

Blessing and honour and thanksgiving and praise  
more than we can utter,  
more than we can conceive,  
be to you, O most adorable Trinity,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
by all angels, all peoples, all creation,  
for ever and ever. *Lancelot Andrewes (1626)*  
**All Amen. Alleluia.**

### The Prayers of the People

Intercessions



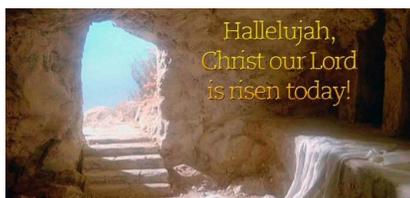
*Response:*

Lord in your mercy,  
**All Hear our prayer.**

### **Collect Prayers**

God of glory,  
by the raising of your Son  
you have broken the chains of death and hell:  
fill your Church with faith and hope;  
for a new day has dawned  
and the way to life stands open  
in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

God of Life,  
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten  
Son to the death of the cross,  
and by his glorious resurrection  
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:  
grant us so to die daily to sin,  
that we may evermore live with him  
in the joy of his risen life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Rejoicing in God's new creation, gathering our  
prayers and praises into one,  
let us pray 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.**

### Going out as God's People

Church Life Announcements

### **Final Song**

#### **Blessing**

God the Father,  
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,  
open to you who believe  
the gates of everlasting life.

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

God the Holy Spirit,  
who filled the disciples  
with the life of the risen Lord,  
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**All Amen.**

**We end with the Easter acclamation!**  
Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**All He is risen indeed. Alleluia**