

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE 12/04/2020

A Temporary Online Service for the United Reformed Church East Cheshire and Derbyshire Borders

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CHRIST IS RISEN!

Today's service is brought to you from Rev Alison Termie and Rev Annette Haigh. All organ music has been recorded by Dr Gordon Stewart on the Providence Binns organ last week, especially for today. All hymns have words on this sheet so you can sing along, so click on the link, play the hymn and then return to this sheet to sing the words.

1. Welcome. You may want to light a candle or have a short period of silence.



2. Opening Thoughts: Lines from *Melchizedek* – one of the other gospels which was written in Greek and contained prophecies of the death, ministry and resurrection of Jesus.

*Christ revealed the secret mysteries,
But legalists soon dug his grave;
They condemned him as irreverent
Unlawful and defiled.*

*On the third day he raised himself
From the dead, and as Saviour unveiled
The truth that gives Life to All.*

3. [HYMN: Jesus Christ is Risen Today – played by Dr Gordon Stewart.](#)

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing Alleluia! unto Christ our heav'nly King, Alleluia! who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

4. Prayer of reflection and adoration:

In his pastoral letter to the churches in the synod, our Moderator, Rev Brian Jolly, shared these lines from Father Richard Rohr, which are worth sharing on Easter Day:

*You do not need to wait for death to experience resurrection.
You can begin resurrection today and tomorrow ...
Resurrection happens every time you love someone back
even though they were not very loving to you.
At that moment, you have been raised from the dead.
Every time you refuse to become negative, cynical, hopeless -
you have experienced the risen Christ.
You don't have to wait for it later. It's always now and now and now.*

5. [The Universe in a Single Sheet](#) – by Rev Alison. This talk is accessible for children!

6. [HYMN: Low in the Grave – played by Dr Gordon Stewart.](#)

Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Saviour, waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

*Up from the grave he arose; with a mighty triumph
o'er his foes; he arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives forever, with his saints to reign. He arose!
He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!*

*Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Saviour, vainly
they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord!*

*Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Saviour; he tore
the bars away, Jesus my Lord!*

7. [Reading: John 20:1-18](#)

8. [Sermon from Rev Annette.](#)

9. [Intercessions Video.](#) With pictures prepared by Rev Alison Termie and “Prelude on Now the Green Blade Riseth” played by Dr Gordon Stewart. Time to prayer for others in the world, including those we know and don't know.

10. Let's say The Lord's Prayer in the light of the risen Christ.

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.

11. [HYMN: Thine be the Glory – played by Dr Gordon Stewart.](#)

*Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son: endless is the
vict'ry thou o'er death hast won; angels in bright
raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave-
clothes where thy body lay.*

*Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the
vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.*

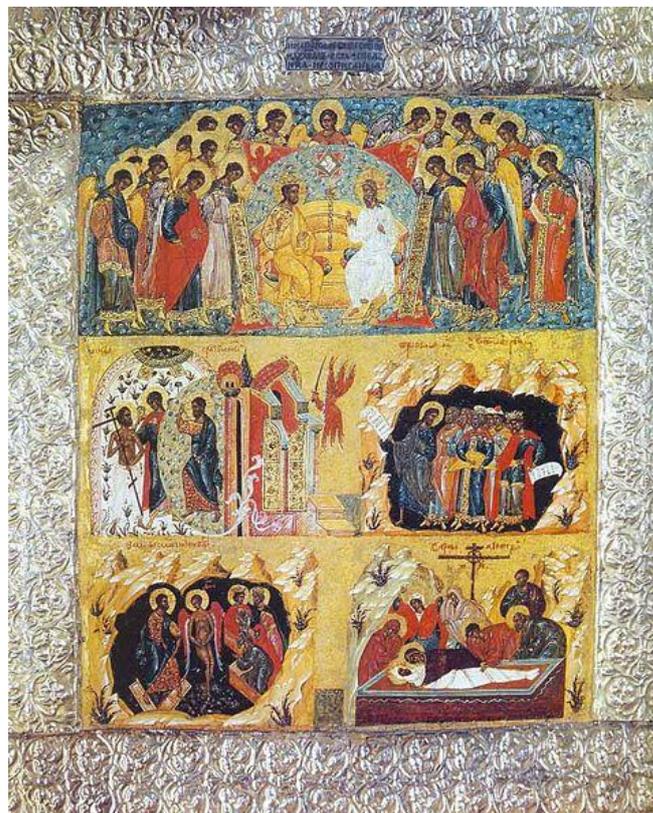
*Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly he
greet us, scatters fear and gloom; let the church with
gladness, hymns of triumph sing, for her Lord now
liveth, death hath lost its sting. [Refrain]*

*No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life; life is
naught without thee: aid us in our strife; make us
more than conqu'rors, thro' thy deathless love: bring
us safe thro' Jordan to thy home above. [Refrain]*

12. [Blessing from Rev Annette.](#)

13. [MUSIC: Hallelujah – played by Dr Gordon Stewart.](#)

This piece is from Handel's *Messiah*.



HAPPY EASTER. LET'S STAY IN TOUCH. X