

## Welcome

*(Use this time to welcome people)*

## Gathering and Welcoming Prayer

Do not be dismayed,  
you seek Jesus of Nazareth?  
He is not in a tomb,  
for he has risen.

The Lord God will swallow up death forever,  
and will wipe away tears from all faces.  
Wonderful are you, God of Easter!

## Prayer

Wonderful are your complex purposes and wonderful are your saving deeds.

Today we celebrate your irrepressible grace in Christ Jesus:  
we rejoice with Mary Magdalene in the garden,  
we run with Peter and John to find the tomb empty,  
we walk beside two disciples on a dusty road to Emmaus,  
and we recognise the living Lord at the breaking of the bread.

By the power that raised up your Holy Son,  
please put indestructible joy into our thoughts and words,  
our songs and prayers, and into our creeds and deeds

Let everything we think and do be praise.  
Through Christ Jesus our risen Lord.

**Amen!**

**Music/Song** (You can copy, paste & download these songs with Lyrics)

Because He Lives <https://vimeo.com/530200495>

In Christ Alone <https://vimeo.com/212939880>

## Prayer for Forgiveness & Thanksgiving

God our most holy and remarkable Friend, we are here again before you,  
ready to confess our sins because the living Christ has gone on ahead of us,  
and who waits for us here in this place.

We can dare to be honest about our participation in the evil of the world because  
he has overcome the worst that the world can do, and has committed to us the  
ministry of the forgiveness of sins in his name. Amen!

Friends of the living God, Easter is about new life bursting free from the most  
deadly restrictions. Receive the remarkable gift of new beginnings which the  
forgiveness of the living Christ makes freely available. Let nothing detain you in  
guilt, nothing restrain you from accepting this bonus of new life. It is here in  
abundance!

*Thanks be to God!*

## Passing the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*(Turn to those around you and greet them with the words above)*

## Notices

## Offerings

**Prayers for Others** *(Take this time to pray for our world, our local  
community and individuals)*

## Music/Song

How Great is our God <https://vimeo.com/530203139>

## Reading for Today

Acts 10:34-43, Ps 118:1-2,14-24, 1 Cor 15:1-11, Jn 20:1-18

## Reflection

**Easter Dream** by Rev Steven Larkin

<https://vimeo.com/530191358>

## Questions related to the Reflection

- What is your Easter Dream? And how is it being lived out in your life?
- What does it mean to you that Jesus is alive?

### *Silence*

Sit still and silent. Sink into your heart and think about how you allow Christ's light to shine in you?

When has the light of Christ guided you when times were tough?

### *Closing Blessing*

Death, which some have called "the final enemy," is real.

Easter is not a time of denial, but a time of declaring a reality which is far greater than death. This reality is God's indomitable love.

Christ is risen!

*He is risen indeed!*

Nothing can hold Jesus down. With his assistance nothing can overcome you while you journey with him to the end of time-- and far beyond!

Christ is risen!

*He is risen indeed!*

The deathless joy of Christ Jesus will uplift you,  
the everlasting love of God will embrace you,  
the inner warmth of the Spirit will encourage you,  
today and ever more.

***Today and evermore. Amen!***

*Music/Song* (Optional - You may wish to include another piece of music or song here      Amazing Grace <https://vimeo.com/530205493>)



Easter Sunday  
Easter Dream  
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