



Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by his death, and bringing light to those in the grave.

And to us he has given eternal life.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Psalm 118

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

Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love endures forever'.

Jesus says: I am alive for ever and ever.

The Lord is my strength and my song;
he has become my salvation.

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

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

Jesus says: I am alive for ever and ever.

Open for me the gates of the righteous,
I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.

The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

The Lord has done this,
and it is marvellous in our eyes.

Jesus says: I am alive for ever and ever.

Glory to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and will be forevermore. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

We come before God to confess our sins, trusting that through Jesus dying and rising again for us we are forgiven:

Heavenly Father, we come before you to saying sorry for all the times we have gone against your Word, pleased ourselves, ignored or disregarded the needs of others, and been selfish in our thoughts, words and actions. For the sin we were born with, the things we do which are wrong, and the things we fail to do which are right, we ask for your forgiveness. By the blood of Jesus, and the new life of the empty tomb, wash us clean and lead us to worship and follow you. Amen.

The events of Easter remind us that whenever we come before God and confess our sins, we are forgiven. Believe in His promise, trust in His love. Your sins are forgiven. Go now, as witnesses of the resurrection and serve God in all you do.

Amen.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, on this great day we come together to remember and celebrate that Jesus' death was not the end, but the beginning of new life for us all.

As we worship here today, help us to remember that we are rejoicing this great news with Christians everywhere.

Amen.

BIBLE READINGS – *use from the separate file sent out.*

After each reading

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

CONFESSION OF FAITH

We use the words of our Baptism confession to confess our faith on this day, remembering that when we were baptised we were baptised into Jesus' death and resurrection:

Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

Yes, I do.

Do you believe in God the Father?

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.***

Do you believe in God the Son?

***I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty,
from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.***

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

***I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.***

Do you intend to remain firm in this faith and reflect it in love to God and your neighbour?

Yes, I do.

May God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Spirit and has forgiven us all our sins, strengthen us with his Spirit, so that we receive eternal life.

Amen.

ADDRESS – *read and/or watch the first half of Pastor Andrew's address for today. Then go through the rest of the address and reflect on or discuss the questions there.*

OFFERING PRAYER

Lord God, we thank you for everything you give us in our lives, especially the gift of your Son, Jesus. Use us, our gifts, our

talents and the things you have given us, to serve and worship you and to serve others. Amen.

PRAYERS *you may wish to use the prayers which have sent out, or to come up with your own.*

After each prayer, you are invited to respond:

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

***Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as 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 forever. Amen.***

BLESSING

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make His face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favour, and give us His peace.

Amen.

Christ is Risen!

He is Risen Indeed!

