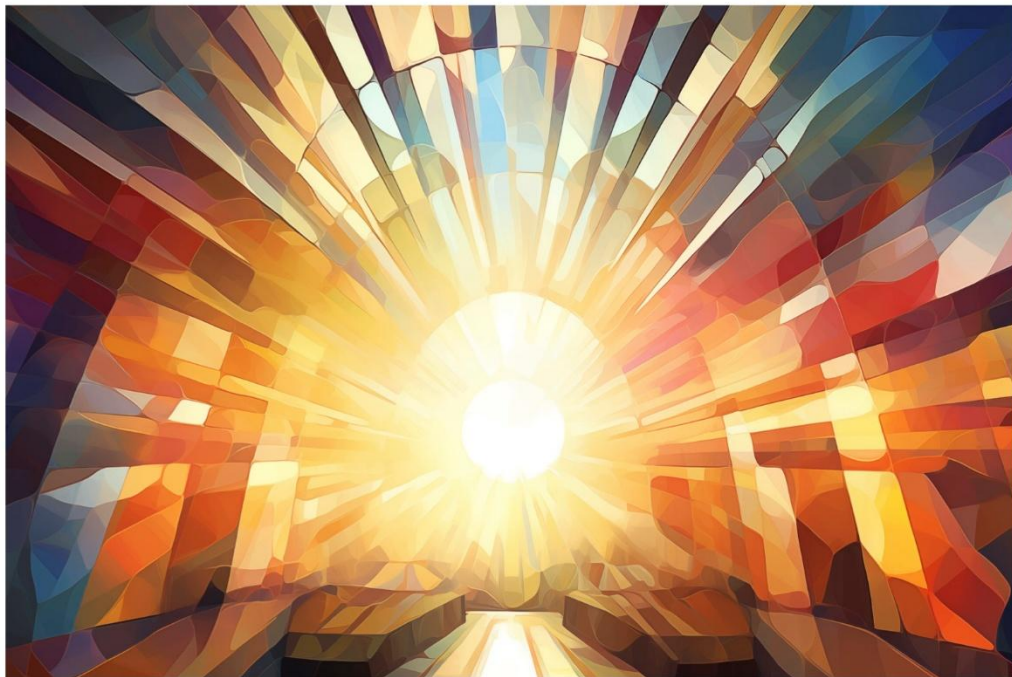




# Welcome

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**9:30am Sunday, 5th April 2026  
Easter Sunday**



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## ONLINE SERVICE

Revd Tony Miles with Ministerial Team

John 20: 1- 18

### LIVE-STREAM WELCOME

VIDEO CALL TO WORSHIP – Risen with Power  
Motion Worship

### VIDEO SONG – Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Christ the Lord is risen today;

*Alleluia!*

All creation joins to say:

*Alleluia!*

Raise your joys and triumphs high;

*Alleluia!*

Sing, you heavens; let earth, reply;

*Alleluia!*

Love's redeeming work is done,

*Alleluia!*

Fought the fight, the battle won;

*Alleluia!*

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;

*Alleluia!*

Christ has burst the gates of hell:

*Alleluia!*

Lives again our glorious King;

*Alleluia!*

Where, O death, is now your sting?

*Alleluia!*

Once he died our souls to save;

*Alleluia!*

Where's your victory, boasting grave?

*Alleluia!*

Soar we now where Christ has led,

*Alleluia!*

Following our exalted Head;

*Alleluia!*

Made like him, like him we rise;

*Alleluia!*

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies:

*Alleluia!*

King of Glory! Soul of bliss!  
*Alleluia!*  
Everlasting life is this,  
*Alleluia!*  
You to know, your power to prove,  
*Alleluia!*  
Thus to sing, and thus to love:  
*Alleluia!*

*Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

## **OPENING PRAYERS**

**Richard Vincent**

### **THE 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.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## **VIDEO GOSPEL LESSON John 20:1-18**

**Read by Richard Vincent**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. <sup>2</sup> So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!'

<sup>3</sup> So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. <sup>4</sup> Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, <sup>7</sup> as well as the cloth that had been wrapped round Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. <sup>8</sup> Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. <sup>9</sup> (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

<sup>11</sup> Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb <sup>12</sup> and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

<sup>13</sup> They asked her, 'Woman, why are you crying?'

'They have taken my Lord away,' she said, 'and I don't know where they have put him.' <sup>14</sup> At this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realise that it was Jesus.

<sup>15</sup> He asked her, 'Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?' Thinking he was the gardener, she said, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.'

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Mary.'

She turned towards him and cried out in Aramaic, 'Rabboni!' (which means 'Teacher').

<sup>17</sup> Jesus said, 'Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' "

<sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: 'I have seen the Lord!' And she told them that he had said these things to her.

### VIDEO HYMN – Raise A Hallelujah

I raise a hallelujah in the presence of my enemies,  
I raise a hallelujah, louder than the unbelief.  
I raise a hallelujah, my weapon is a melody,  
I raise a hallelujah, heaven comes to fight for me.

*I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm,  
louder and louder you're gonna hear my  
praises roar.*

*Up from the ashes hope will arise,  
death is defeated, the King is alive.*

I raise a hallelujah with ev'rything inside of me,  
I raise a hallelujah, I will watch the darkness flee.  
I raise a hallelujah in the middle of the mystery;  
I raise a hallelujah, fear you lost your hold on me.

*I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm,  
louder and louder you're gonna hear my  
praises roar.*

*Up from the ashes hope will arise,  
death is defeated, the King is alive.*

Sing a little louder (sing a little louder.)  
Sing a little louder (sing a little louder.)  
Sing a little louder (sing a little louder.)  
Sing a little louder (sing a little louder.)  
Sing a little louder in the presence of my enemies.  
Sing a little louder. Louder than my unbelief  
Sing a little louder. My weapon is a melody.  
Sing a little louder. Heaven comes to fight for me.  
Sing a little louder. **Refrain (x2)**

I raise a hallelujah  
I raise a hallelujah,

I raise a hallelujah  
I raise a hallelujah.

*Jonathan David Helser, Melissa Helser, Molly Skaggs and Jake Stevens*

### **GOSPEL LESSON John 20:11-18**

**Read by Deacon Myrtle Poxon**

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Thinking he was the gardener, she said, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.'

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### **SERMON 'Hope through the tears!'**

**Revd Tony Miles**

#### **VIDEO HYMN – See What a Morning**

See what a morning, gloriously bright  
with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;  
folded the graveclothes, tomb filled with light  
as the angels announce Christ is risen!  
See God's salvation plan,  
wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,  
fulfilled in Christ the man,  
for he lives; Christ is risen from the dead.

See Mary weeping, 'Where is he laid!  
as in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;  
hears a voice speaking, calling her name;  
it's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!  
The voice that spans the years,  
speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,  
will sound till he appears,  
for he lives; Christ is risen from the dead.

One with the Father, Ancient of Days,

through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty,  
honour and blessing, glory and praise  
to the King crowned with power and authority!  
And we are raised with him,  
death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered;  
and we shall reign with him,  
for he lives; Christ is risen from the dead.

*Stuart Townend (born 1963) and Keith Getty (born 1974)*

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**Revd Stephen Poxon**

## **ONE MINUTE TESTIMONY**

**Richard Vincent**

## **VIDEO SONG – In Christ Alone**

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,  
fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
scorned by the ones He came to save:  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
the wrath of God was satisfied -  
for every sin on Him was laid;  
here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory,  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
for I am His and He is mine -  
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
this is the power of Christ in me;  
from life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,

can ever pluck me from His hand;  
till He returns or calls me home,  
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

Stuart Townend (born 1963) and Keith Getty (born 1974)

## LOVE FEAST

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OFFERING PRAYER

Revd Stephen Poxon

## VIDEO HYMN – Thine be the glory

Thine be the glory,  
risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory  
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, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory  
thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo, Jesus meets us,  
risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us,  
scatters fear and gloom;  
let the Church with gladness  
hymns of triumph sing,  
for her Lord now liveth,  
death hath lost its sting:

*Thine be the glory,  
risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory  
thou o'er death hast won.*

No more we doubt thee,  
glorious Prince of Life;  
life is naught without thee:  
aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors  
through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan

to thy home above:

*Thine be the glory,  
risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory  
thou o'er death hast won.*

*Edmond Budry (1854-1932)*

*translated by Richard Birch Hoyle (1875-1939)*

#### **HEALING PRAYER TEAM**

**Revd Tony Miles**

#### **THE BLESSING**

**Revd Tony Miles**

#### **VIDEO OUTRO ORGAN**

Saint-Saens Organ Symphony Finale played at the Royal Albert Hall with the All Souls Orchestra

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