

EASTER DAY

5TH APRIL 2026

EASTER GREETING

Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

1. See, what a morning, gloriously bright,

With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
Folded the grave-clothes, 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.

2. 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.

3. 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 pow'r 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.

Jesus came to earth.
He lived a perfect life.
He died upon the cross,
Then He rose from the dead.
Now He is in heaven,
Seated on His throne.
At the right hand of the Father,
Where heaven is His home.

*We praise You Jesus, Son of God.
We praise You Jesus, Son of Man.
You left Your throne of grace
To suffer in our place.
So we praise You, Jesus Christ.*

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EASTER COLLECT

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.**

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 28:1-10 (PAGE 1000 IN YOUR PEW BIBLE)

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

TALK: REVD SIMON EVES

1. The greatest day in history,
Death is beaten, You have rescued me.
Sing it out, Jesus is alive.
The empty cross the empty grave,
Life Eternal You have won the day.
Shout it out: Jesus is alive!
He's alive!

*And oh, happy day, happy day,
You washed my sin away.
Oh, happy day, happy day,
I'll never be the same.
Forever I am changed.*

2. When I stand in that place,
Free at last meeting face to face,
I am Yours, Jesus, You are mine.
Endless joy, perfect peace,
Earthly pain finally will cease.
Celebrate, Jesus is alive,
He's alive!

*Oh, what a glorious day,
What a glorious way
That You have saved me.
And oh, what a glorious day,
What a glorious Name.*

What a glorious, glorious day,
I'll never be the same.

*Tim Hughes & Ben Cantelon
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CONFESSION

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,
and not by the power of your resurrection.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
as faithless and not believing.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone,
and doubted our home in heaven.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord, hear us and help us.

PRAYERS

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Come, see the Son of the living God

hanging on a tree,
dying there for you and me.
Come, see the bringer of truth and grace
nailed there for us,
agony across His face.

*This is love displayed,
this is mercy perfectly portrayed in
Christ,
the cross of Christ.*

2. Come, see the innocent Son of God
punished there for us,
rescuing us with His blood.
Come, see the healer of wounded souls
crucified for us,
broken there to make us whole.

This is love displayed...

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

3. Come, see the tomb where they laid
Him down;
the stone is rolled away,
nothing but the grave clothes now.
Come, see the King is alive again,
risen from the dead,
ushering a new age in.

*This is victory,
this is life for everyone who will
believe
in Jesus Christ.*

(Ending)

Come and worship Him, come and sing to
Him,
come and live for Him, Jesus Christ.

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Almighty God, good Father to us all,
your face is turned towards your world.
In love you gave us Jesus your Son
to rescue us from sin and death.
Your Word goes out to call us home
to the city where angels sing your praise.
We join with them in heaven's song:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven.
To the darkness Jesus came as your light.
With signs of faith and words of hope
he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.
This is his story.

**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

The crowds came out to see your Son,
yet at the end they turned on him.
On the night he was betrayed
he came to table with his friends
to celebrate the freedom of your people.
This is his story.

**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
This is my body, given for you all.
Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
he took the cup, gave it and said:
This is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.

This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate the cross
on which he died to set us free.

Defying death he rose again and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story.

This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest.

Send your Spirit on us now
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.

May we and all who share this food offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.**

Amen.

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.**

**Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.**

Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

COMMUNION SONGS

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

**1. 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.**

**2. 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!*

3. 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;
Lead us in Thy triumph
To Thy home above.

*Thine be the glory,
Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won!*

Edmond Louis Budry. Tr. R. Birch Hoyle.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

With the power that raised Jesus from the dead at work within you,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

In the name of Christ.

Amen.

Alleluia, alleluia.

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