

Welcome to our Easter Sunday Service with Baptisms. Anthony, our vicar, and Simon, our associate vicar, will lead and Anthony will speak.

## **Introduction**

We are risen with Jesus

Eternal life is ours

Death has met its master

The way to heaven is open

He is risen indeed

the Lord is risen the Lord is risen the Lord is risen the Lord is risen Alleluia! Amen



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# Introductory call to worship Based on Psalm 118

We will give You thanks, for You answered us; You have become our salvation. The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the LORD has done this, and it is marvellous in our eyes. The LORD has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

Almighty God, your Son has opened for us a new and living way into Your presence. The place where true security lies, a place where our strength is renewed. Give us new hearts and constant wills to worship You in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!



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# **Testimonies and prayer**



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#### **Baptism promises**

Paige do you wish to be baptized?

I do.

Paul do you wish to be baptized?

Ido.

Sherrie do you wish to be baptized?

Ido.

Stuart do you wish to be baptized?

I do.

#### **Baptism promises**

Sherrie, Stuart, Paige and Paul in baptism you continue your journey in faith. Will you take your place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

With the help of God, I will.

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore, I ask: Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

I come to Christ.

#### **Welcome from the church**

People of God, will you welcome Stuart, Sherrie, Paul, and Paige and uphold each of them in their new life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

#### **Signing of the cross**

Sherrie, I sign you with the cross, the sign of Christ. Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

Stuart, I sign you with the cross, the sign of Christ. Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

Paige, I sign you with the cross, the sign of Christ. Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

Paul, I sign you with the cross, the sign of Christ. Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

Fight valiantly as disciples of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and we pray each of you remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

Amen.

May almighty God deliver each of you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.** 

#### Creed

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

I believe and trust in God, the Father almighty, who created heaven and earth.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

I believe and trust in Jesus Christ, his only
Son, our Lord, who makes it possible for us to be a child of God.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

I believe and trust in the Holy Spirit, who helps us daily to follow Jesus.

## **The Baptism and Prayer**



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I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me.
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet.
My Saviour on that cursed tree.

His body bound and drenched in tears,
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb.
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone.

O praise the name of the Lord our God.
O praise His name forevermore.
For endless days we will sing Your praise.
Oh Lord, oh Lord, our God.

And then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again.
O trampled death where is your sting?
The angels roar for Christ the King

O praise the name of the Lord our God.
O praise His name forevermore.
For endless days we will sing Your praise.
Oh Lord, oh Lord, our God.

He shall return in robes of white,
The blazing sun shall pierce the night.
And I will rise among the saints,
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face.

O praise the name of the Lord our God.

O praise His name forevermore.

For endless days we will sing Your praise.

Oh Lord, oh Lord, our God.

Oh Lord, oh Lord, our God.

Oh Lord, oh Lord, our God.





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## **The Welcome**

We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.



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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!

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 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!

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## Reading and Talk – John 20:1-18

<sup>1</sup> 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!'3 So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. 4 Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 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. 9 (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) 10 Then the disciples went back to where they were staying. 11 Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb 12 and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

13 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.' 14 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.' 16 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."'
- 18 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.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God



Christ is Risen!
He is Risen Indeed!

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Come people of the risen King Who delight to bring Him praise; Come all and tune your hearts to sing To the Morning Star of grace. From the shifting shadows of the earth We will lift our eyes to Him, Where steady arms of mercy reach To gather children in.

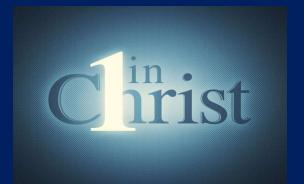
Rejoice, Rejoice!
Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice;
O Church of Christ, rejoice!

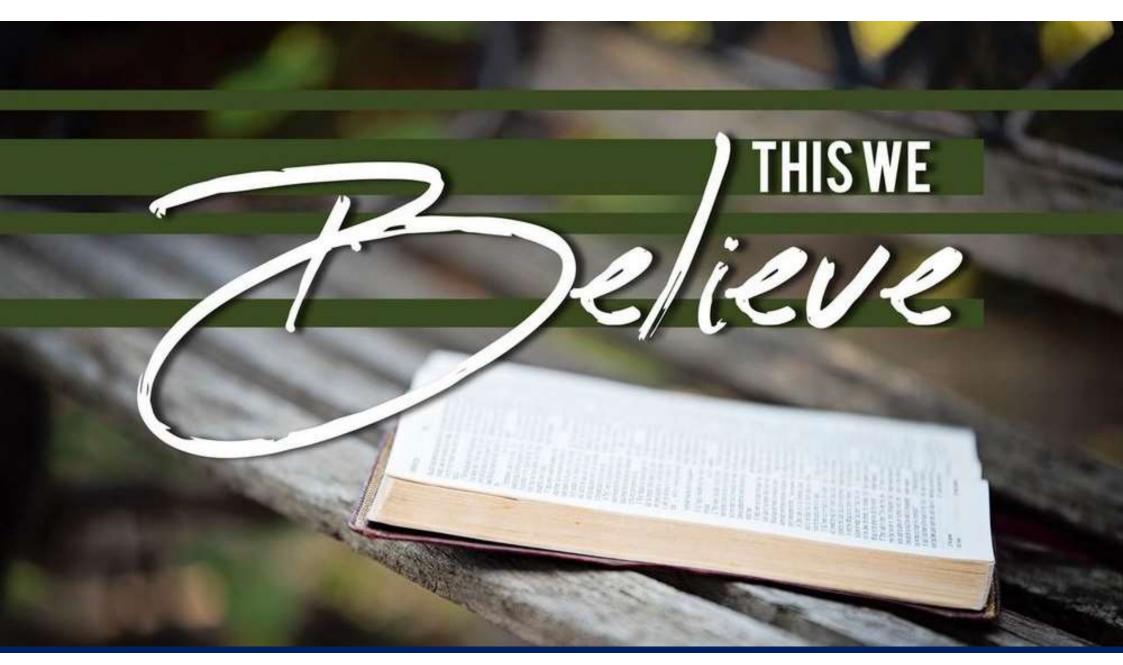
Come, those whose joy is morning sun, And those weeping through the night; Come, those who tell of battles won, And those struggling in the fight. For His perfect love will never change, And His mercies never cease, But follow us through all our days With the certain hope of peace.

Rejoice, Rejoice!
Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice;
O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, young and old from every land Men and women of the faith; Come, those with full or empty hands Find the riches of His grace. Over all the world, His people sing Shore to shore we hear them call The Truth that cries through every age: "Our God is all in all."

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#### Creed

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; He was buried; He was raised to life on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures; afterwards He appeared to His followers, and to all the apostles: this we have received, and this we believe. Amen.



Christ is Risen!
He is Risen Indeed!

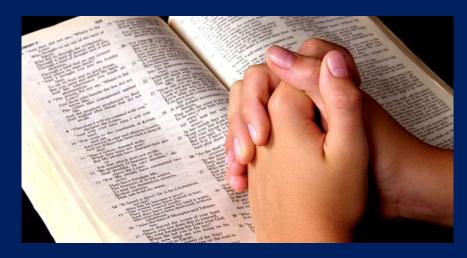
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## Prayers led by Heather Bovingdon (which may include)



Christ is risen
Alleluia. Amen.



Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. 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 forever. Amen.



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He is Risen Indeed!

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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!

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. 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 happy day, happy day, You washed my sin away. Oh happy day, happy day, I'll never be the same, Forever I am changed. Oh, what a glorious day,
What a glorious way,
That You have saved me.
Oh, what a glorious day,
What a glorious name.
Alleluia.

Oh happy day, happy day, You washed my sin away. Oh happy day, happy day, I'll never be the... Oh happy day, happy day, You washed my sin away.
Oh happy day, happy day,
I'll never be the same.
For ever I am changed...
For ever I am changed.





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He is Risen Indeed!

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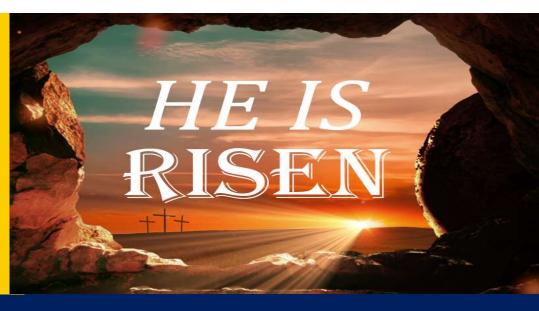


May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. Amen.



# **Christ Church St. Andrews**

Glorifying God: Building Community



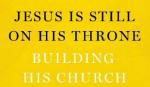
Thank you for joining us today to celebrate Jesus is alive. Please say for refreshments and do join us tonight at 7.00pm for an Easter Songs of Praise.

Our services next Sunday morning will be at 9am and 11am.



## **Christ Church St. Andrews**

Glorifying God: Building Community



Our aim at Christ Church
St Andrews is to glorify God
by building a Christ centred
community through the
power of the Holy Spirit.

Refreshments are served at the back of church.



If you would like to pray with someone about anything, please go to our trained team in the St John's Chapel.

Thank you for joining us. We hope to see you again.