

**Land's End Churches  
Easter 2021**



**Christ is Risen!!  
Alleluia!!**

*As we are not able to gather in church this year, this liturgy is offered to you as a way of celebrating Easter at home- either on your own or with your family. If you can, find a small bowl of water and a candle (and matches) before you begin your worship. We will be worshipping together at 10am on Easter Day on Zoom, you could pray this at the same time if you cannot get to a PC.*

Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end, Alpha and Omega. All time belongs to him, and all ages;

**To him be glory and power through every age for ever and ever. Amen**

## OPENING WORDS AND RESPONSES

This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ was raised gloriously from the dead, crushing the power of sin and destroying the sting of death. Throughout the world, Christians celebrate the mighty power of God as Christ calls us out of the darkness to share his marvellous light. May we, and all Christ's people, shine as lights in the world to the glory of God the Father.

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Rise up and live! Life springing forth from death is offered to the world.

**Thanks be to you, O Christ!**

Christ is risen, alive in overflowing grace. **Thanks be to you, O Christ!**

Christ is risen, alive in the determined survival of good.

**Thanks be to you, O Christ! Death is overcome forever!**

## HYMN

1. Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day,  
Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2. Hymns of praise then let us sing  
Alleluia!  
unto Christ our heav'nly King, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave,

Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

3. But the pains which he endured,  
Alleluia!  
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!  
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!!

## CONFESSION

Living God, even as we announce your rising, we confess that we often fail to live in the light of your victory. When doubts beset us as we look at the world around us:

**Forgive us and help us**

When we choose to stay with our own deaths rather than accepting your gift of life:

**Forgive us and help us**

When we hold on to guilt and fear, instead of embracing love for you and one another:

**Forgive us and help us**

May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins and restore us in his image, to the praise and glory of his name, through our risen Saviour and Lord, Jesus Christ.

**Amen**

## **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**

## **READING: John 20.1-18**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup> So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." <sup>3</sup> Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup> The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup> and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup> Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup> for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples returned to their homes.

<sup>11</sup> But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup> and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup> They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." <sup>14</sup> When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" <sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

**RESPONSE:** you will need your water and your candle here.

It is traditional on Easter Day to renew our baptismal vows. As you say these words, dip your finger in the water and make the sign of the cross on your forehead.

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. Will you, today, renew your commitment to follow that call?

Do you renounce evil?           **I renounce evil**  
Do you repent of your sin?      **I repent of my sin**  
Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?  
**I come to Christ.**

*Light your candle:*

We receive your light, Lord Jesus Christ. Deliver us from the powers of darkness, restore in us the image of your glory, and lead us in light and obedience to your call.

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in the power of Christ to overcome all deaths, deaths in us and deaths in the world. We believe in life which rises in freedom and carries us in joy towards grace beyond our imagining, calling our spirits to soar in freedom with wings of hope, borne high in the wonder of Easter Day. We believe that the gift of life will never be taken from us; the costly gift of the life of God will be ours for ever and ever. Amen

### **INTERCESSIONS concluding with THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **BLESSING**

May God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead, open to us who believe the gates of everlasting life.

May God the Son, who in bursting the grave has won a glorious victory, give us joy as we share the Easter faith.

May God the Holy Spirit, whom the risen Lord breathed into his disciples, empower us and fill us with Christ's peace.

And the blessing of the living God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, rest on us and all those we love and pray for, here and now, always and everywhere. **Amen**



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