

Easter Dawn – 17/04/2022

Opening verse

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. John 20:1

Gathering - In the Garden

SONG: *Were you there* (TIS345, vs1-5)

to be sung as people are arriving, maybe twice through so that they can join in.

1. *Were you there when they crucified my Lord?...*
 2. *Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? . . .*
 3. *Were you there when they pierced him in the side? . . .*
 4. *Were you there when the sun refused to shine? . . .*
 5. *Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? . . .*
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SONG: [Were you there?](#), based on an African-American spiritual, from [Together in Song](#), Harper Collins *Religious*; PUBLIC DOMAIN.

Welcome

Ian

Welcome to this holy time and place – the Easter garden at dawn.

In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God...
In him was life,
and the life was the light of all people.
The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness did not overcome it. (John 1:1,4)

Lighting the Fire

Ian

with *Were you there*, (TIS345, verse 6) as fire is being lit

6. *Were you there when he rose from out the tomb? . . .*
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Let us pray:

Eternal God, in Jesus Christ
you have given the light of life
to all the world.
Sanctify this new fire,
and inflame us with a desire to shine forth
with the brightness of Christ's rising,
until we feast at the banquet of eternal light;
through Jesus Christ, the Sun of Righteousness.
Amen.

Gospel Reading

Saide

John 20:1-18 (spoken)

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. 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." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; 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. 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." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 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." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). 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.' " 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.

For these words of witness and for Christ the Word

Thanks be to God

Easter Proclamation

Ian

Christ is risen:

he is risen indeed!

This is the day that the Lord has made:

we will rejoice and be glad in it!

Song

unannounced

Brunswick Alleluia

Alleluia alleluia Alleluia

Alleluia alleluia Alleluia

SONG: Brunswick Alleluia, Julia and Elaine Potter, used with permission

Lighting the Christ Candle

Ian, Natalie

Carry the unlit candle to the doors, light at the doors and carry in

Procession into the Gathering Space

Brunswick Alleluia

Alleluia alleluia Alleluia

Alleluia alleluia Alleluia

Prayer

Natalie

During our Easter Prayer, I invite you to respond with the words of Psalm 118:

This is the day that God has made; **let us rejoice and be glad.**

Saving God, your steadfast love endures forever.
You are our strength and our might,
On this day we remember your goodness,
And through our own eyes, we see your marvellous works!

This is the day that God has made; **let us rejoice and be glad.**

Christ who knew the greatest suffering, who died and now lives, you are our salvation,
The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
And you have opened the gates so that all can enter
Pathing the way for true justice and mercy!

This is the day that God has made; **let us rejoice and be glad.**

Holy Spirit among us, you fill our hearts with joy,
Help us to see the world in a new way, through your eyes,
May we find renewal in the Easter story and in our own lives,
And share with all the good news of resurrection!

This is the day that God has made; **let us rejoice and be glad.**

Remembrance of Baptism

Ian

Brothers and sisters,
as we celebrate again the resurrection
of Christ Jesus,
we remember that through the mystery
of his suffering and death
we have died
and been buried with him in baptism.

In our baptism,
we were also raised with him to new life.
So let us turn again
to Jesus Christ
who has defeated
the power of sin and death
and brought us new life.

Let us commit ourselves anew to God,
reaffirming our baptism,
trusting in Jesus Christ as Saviour
and in the Holy Spirit as God's
power and presence along the way.

Come, Risen Lord Jesus,
refresh the lives of all your faithful people.
Sisters and brothers:
Always remember you are baptised,
and be thankful.

Song

Ian

Invitation to remember baptism by dipping hand in the font, trace a cross on your hand or forehead and then create a standing circle as we sing Joyful the morning, TiS 383.

The original words of this song (first line: abele serer serer idim pe okairti) are in Merriam Mir, the indigenous language of the Eastern Torres Strait Islands. The words we will sing are an English paraphrase, set to a tune sung at baptisms at Moa Island (in the Western Torres Strait).

*1. Joyful the morning when Jesus Christ is risen!
Golden light is dawning, the dayspring radiant shines
all the hosts of heaven raise on high their psalms divine*

*O let us too be happy, rejoice and cry out 'Hallelujah!'
He is risen and opens heav'n for all those who believe.*

*2. Now earth awaking is raising shouts of praise.
'Jesus now is risen!' All creatures now rejoice
they are in the care again of their triumphant Lord.*

*3. All peoples living in lands washed by the seas
nations under all four directions of the wind
can be joyful in the resurrection of the Lord.*

SONG: Joyful the morning, traditional Torres Strait Islands hymn, from Together in Song, Harper Collins *Religious*

Prayers of the People

Ian

Come let us pray for we are followers of Jesus called to be a covenant community of love. Come as you are ready to light a taper and offer a prayer for the world, for the church, for those you love. Come for today we celebrate the risen Christ.

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.

Song

Jesus is alive today, ATOK 346

*Jesus is alive today, Jesus is alive today,
Jesus is alive today - oh praise his name!
Jesus is alive today, Jesus is alive today,
Jesus is alive today - oh praise his name*

*Yesu yu hai leo, Yesu yu hai leo,
Yesu yu hai leo, a si fi we.
Yesu yu hai leo, Yesu yu hai leo,
Yesu yu hai leo, a si fi we.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia a si fi we
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia a si fi we*

SONG: [Jesus is alive today](#), from [All together okay](#), (346) [Openbook Publishers](#), PUBLIC DOMAIN

Blessing

Ian

Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed.

May we rise with you, Lord Jesus
and find ourselves ever more brave,
more free, and more hopeful
than we might ever imagine we could be.

May we rise with you, Lord Jesus,
that when we fear and doubt
we might receive new life,
new ideas and renewed faith.

May we rise with you, Lord Jesus,
that when we are low,
feeling inadequate, or ashamed, or wounded,
we may know your healing, energy and grace,
to lift our hearts and send us out with joy.

Friends know the blessing of Easter Peace, Easter Hope,
Easter Joy and Easter Love.
In the name of God,
Mother of creation,
Word of faithfulness
and Spirit of life.

Go in peace to celebrate the risen Christ.
Amen.

Greet one another with an Easter greeting

Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed.

Easter Day Eucharist

invitation to breakfast and/or return for 9:30 worship

Thank you

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Closing Verse

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