

Order of Service – 09/04/2023, Dawn Service

Opening verse:

Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"

Gathering

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: John 20:1-18

Saide

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 – Brunswick Alleluia

Alleluia alleluia Alleluia

Alleluia alleluia Alleluia

Lighting the Christ Candle

Ian, Cath

Procession into the Gathering Space

Alleluia alleluia Alleluia

Alleluia alleluia Alleluia

Prayer

Cath

Let us gather again in prayer...

Eternal giver of life and light,
we thank you for the promise of new life
life that is often beyond our imagining

but that we experience in the risen Christ.
As we remember our baptism,
we remember the way of Jesus
who taught us that in death,
there is also hope of transformation

Renew us, your church, with your holy spirit
and enable us to worship you in sincerity and truth,
and shine as a light in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.

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: In the Lord I'll be ever thankful

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 In the Lord I'll be ever thankful.

*In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,
In the Lord I shall rejoice,
look to God, do not be afraid,
lift up your voices, the Lord is here.
lift up your voices, the Lord is here*

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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.

Sending Song – At the dawning of salvation, TiS 392

*1. At the dawning of salvation;
in the morning of the world,
Christ is raised, a living banner
by the love of God unfurled,
Through the daylight, through the darkness,
Christ leads on his great array:
all the saints and all the sinners
he has gathered on his way.*

*2. He is risen in the morning,
he is risen from the dead;
he is laughter after sadness,
he is light when night has fled.
He has suffered, he has triumphed,
life is his alone to give:
as he gave it once he gives it
evermore, that we may live.*

*3. For the glory of salvation
in the dawn of Easter day
we will praise you, loving Father;
we rejoice to sing and pray
with the Son and with the Spirit
Lead us on, your great array,
saints and sinners celebrating
your triumphant love today.*

SONG: [At the dawning of salvation](#), by Jock Curle,
from [Together in Song](#), Harper Collins *Religious*; copyright uncertain

Blessing

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.

Thank yous

Thank you for joining us,
and thank you to...

Liturgists:
Ian Ferguson
Cath James
(Ministers of the Word)

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Natalie Sims
(co-ordinator)
Glenice Cook
Alistair Hunter
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Saide Cameron

Bible reader:
Saide Cameron

Breakfast:
Clare Keogh

Closing verse:

Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples,
"I have seen the Lord"

John 20:18a

Easter Day Eucharist

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