

LORDSBRIDGE TEAM
OF CHURCHES



HE IS
Risen

EASTER DAY CELEBRATION

4th April 2021

Worship @ Home

Opening Words

Yesterday we had lost so much
we lost the light
we lost the argument
we lost love
we lost life
we lost God
we lost Jesus

But this morning we found
the tomb - empty
the morning - bright
the gardener - walking
the stone - rolled
the disciples - running
the women - proclaiming
the resurrection - waiting
and Jesus - risen

It is good we have found our way here
this is Easter Day
love is back
good morning

written by Roddy Hamilton and posted on the **New Kilpatrick Parish Church** website. <https://www.nkchurch.org.uk/original-liturgy>

The Easter Acclamation

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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The Exsultet

Choirs of angels, stars and planets:

all God's people sing and dance.

All creation, Church of God:

all God's people sing and dance.

We praise you Lord of life and death:

we glorify your name:

all God's people sing and dance.

This is the night you set us free,

bringing us home in love;

holy night, when you led your people

through the fearsome sea:

all God's people sing and dance.

This is the night you brought your Son
through the doors of death;

O holy night, when death takes flight
and hope is born again:

all God's people sing and dance.

This is the night our tears of sadness
turn to shouts of joy;

holy night, when the choirs of earth
sing the songs of heaven:

all God's people sing and dance.

This is the night when Christ our Light
makes the darkness bright:

all God's people sing and dance.

Christ is the life that knows no end.

Christ is the love that burns within.

Christ is the peace that floods the world.

Christ is the Lord who reigns on high.

All God's people sing and dance.

The Collect

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity.

Amen.

Poem - The Sun

By Mary Oliver

*Have you ever seen
anything
in your life
more wonderful
than the way the sun,
every evening,
relaxed and easy,
floats toward the horizon*

*and into the clouds or the hills,
or the rumpled sea,
and is gone—
and how it glides again*

*out of the blackness,
every morning,
on the other side of the world,
like a red flower*

*streaming upward on its heavenly oils,
say, on a morning in early summer,
at its perfect imperial distance—
and have you ever felt for anything*

*such wild love—
do you think there is anywhere, in any language
a word billowing enough
for the pleasure*

*that fills you,
as the sun
reaches out,
as it warms you*

*as you stand there
empty-handed—
or have you too
turned from this world—*

*or have you too
gone crazy
for power,
for things?*

Bible Readings and Reflection

Provided separately.

Affirmation of Faith

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.

cf 1 Corinthians 15.3-7

Intercessions

Into the light of Easter morning
we bring those who are struggling with illness,
with despair, or with the breakdown of relationships.
May the light of Christ shine upon them.
May the light of Christ shine upon them.

Into the light of Easter morning,
we bring those who live in the midst of
war, violence, or oppression.
May the light of Christ shine upon them.
May the light of Christ shine upon them.

Into the light of Easter morning,
we bring all those fighting to bring the pandemic to an end,
and all those working towards a new and just dawn.
May the light of Christ shine upon them.
May the light of Christ shine upon them.

And into the light of Easter morning
we bring ourselves, the private struggles,
the heart's yearnings, the hidden dreams,
the unfulfilled potential.
May the light of Christ shine upon us.
May the light of Christ shine upon us. AMEN.

~ written by Ann Siddall, and posted on the website of the Stillpoint Spirituality Centre. <http://www.stillpointsa.org.au/>

Rejoicing in God's new creation, let us pray as our Saviour taught us:
**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.**

Final Prayer

Risen Christ, when darkness overwhelms us
may your dawn beckon us.
When fear paralyses us
may your touch release us.
When grief torments us
may your peace enfold us.
When memories haunt us
may your presence heal us.
When justice fails us
may your anger ignite us.
When apathy stagnates us
may your challenge renew us.
When courage leaves us
may your spirit inspire us.
When despair grips us
may your hope restore us.
And when death threatens us
may your resurrection light lead us. Amen.

— written by Annabel Shilson-Thomas, and posted on the **CAFOD** website. <http://www.cafod.org.uk/>

The Blessing and Dismissal

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen us to walk with him in his risen life;
and the blessing of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
rest upon us and remain with us always

The risen life of Christ is within you. Alleluia, alleluia.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.