

St James C of E



Easter

SUNDAY

Sunday 12th
April 2020



Worship Songs

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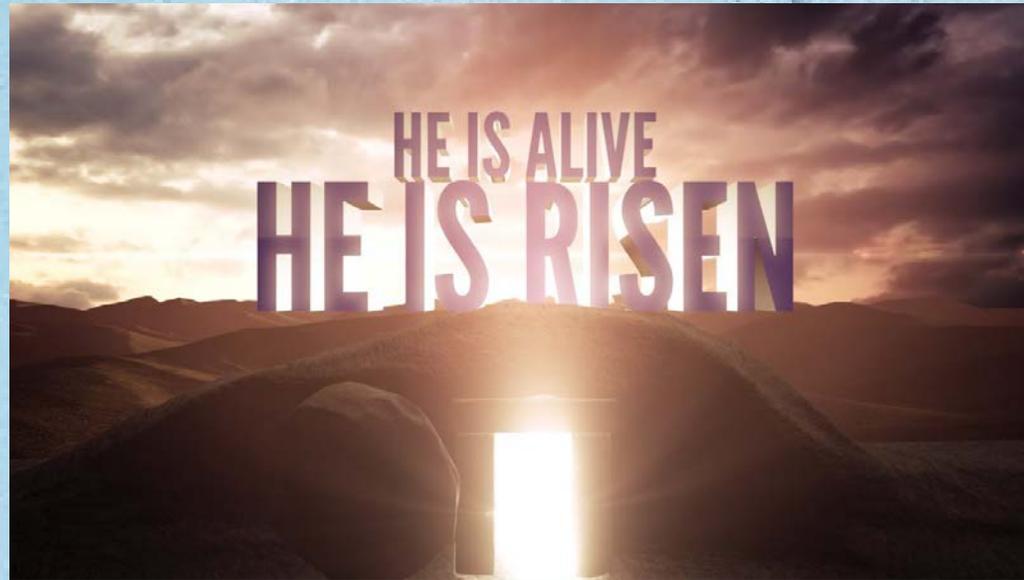


Thine Be the Glory

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tHItAQw7Ri4>

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In Christ Alone

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ouGuG97I2RY>

Bible reading Matthew 28 1-10 New International Version (NIV)

Jesus Has Risen

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Bible reading Matthew 21

The Story of Easter

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HL8R158Ujp4>

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Come On and Celebrate

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kog4QkDT4Ho>

Thought for Today

EASTER SUNDAY 2020

By Jill Macdonald

Matt 28: 1-10

Jesus Christ is risen today!!

Alleluia! He is risen!

Easter Sunday has arrived again....and yet it must be the most unusual Easter Sunday any of us have ever experienced.

This is often the day when all of our churches have bigger congregations present than usual. People who don't usually attend church feel a need to be there.

Yet, today none of us can be there! All church buildings are closed.

The coronavirus has swamped the world and seems to be in charge of everything.

Worldwide the number of deaths, not lives, seems to be the main focus.

Thought for Today

Easter Sunday (Matt 28: 1-10)

So, today of all days, it is even more important for us, as Christians, to focus on the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ and the new and abundant life which only he can bring.

Today is still a day in which to rejoice and be glad.

Our reading tells us that on that first Easter Sunday the two Marys went to look at the tomb.

I have no doubt in my mind that they were wracked with despair and sorrow and grief. Jesus, their Hope, their Lord, their Friend was dead!

I'm sure they probably hadn't got a clue what they were going to do when they got there except sit quietly and cry.....and remember.

They would not have been expecting the huge stone to the tomb to be rolled away and a dazzling angel of the Lord sitting on it waiting for them with a message!

The whole scene was so frightening that the guards posted there had become like dead men!

Thought for Today

Easter Sunday (Matt 28: 1-10)

But, what a message the angel gave them!

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| A message of comfort: | 'Do not be afraid' |
| A message of incredible news: | 'He is not here; he has risen, just as he said' |
| A message of reassurance: | 'Come and see' |
| A message with direction: | 'Go quickly and tell' |

We're told the women hurried away after being given the message, afraid yet filled with joy.

In the lockdown circumstances and isolation situations we find ourselves in today it may seem a tall ask to be 'full of joy'. We can't meet with our church family to celebrate the wondrous resurrection of Jesus; we can't meet with family and friends to share a special Easter meal; we can't go away for an Easter break.

But none of this changes the truth that Jesus is risen; Jesus has conquered death; and Jesus has paved the way for all who put their trust in him to also rise from the dead to spend eternity with him.

Thought for Today

Easter Sunday (Matt 28: 1-10)

Whatever befalls us, and many difficulties and painful times will come even when this virus is over and gone, NOTHING can change this truth: and we, as people of the risen King, must hold on to this and witness it to those around us.

Today there are thousands of people around the world who are in the darkest of places because a loved family member or friend has died. Many of them, like the two Marys, can see no hope ahead. They are bereft and crushed.

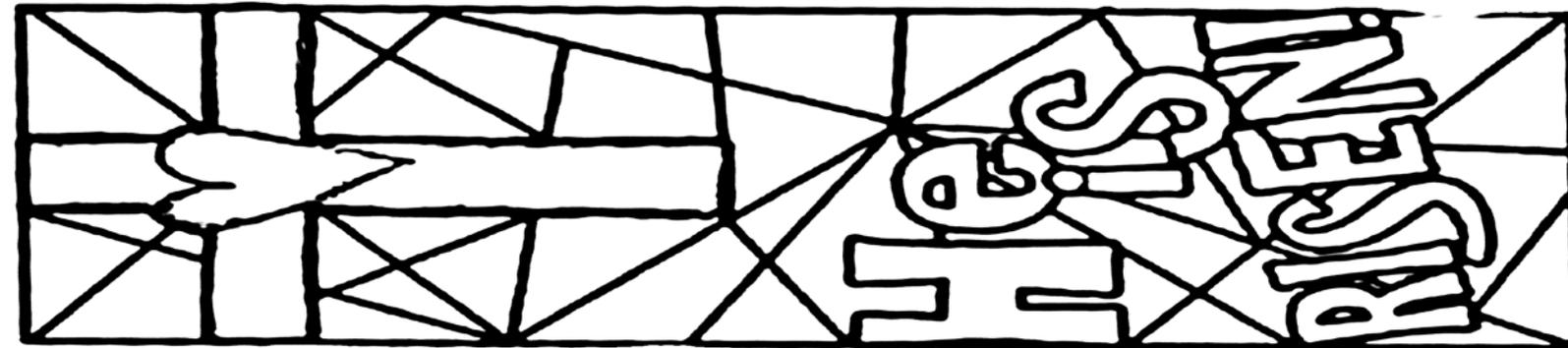
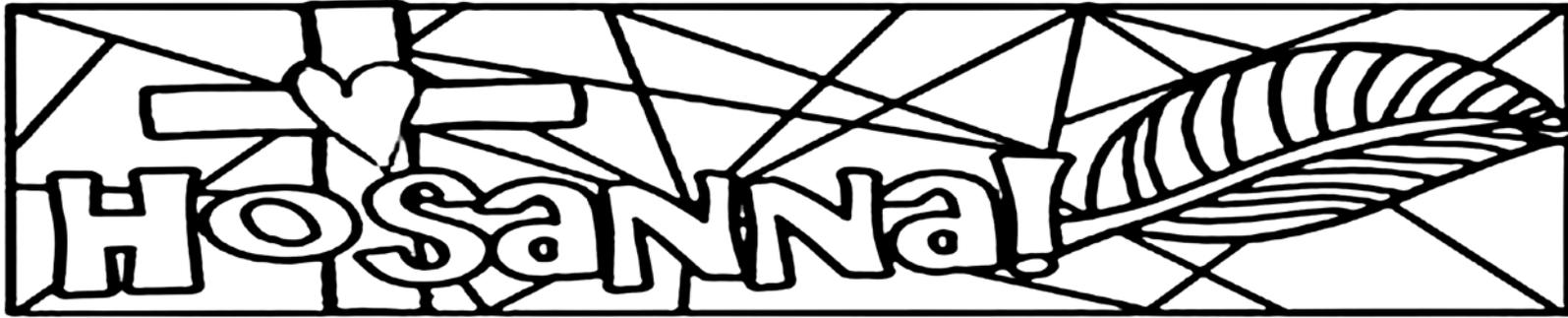
Many more are living in fear and anxiety, frightened about the future.

And even though we can't go out and mix with anybody, who knows what opportunities God may provide for us through some sort of social media to share the confidence of our faith.

Many will reject what we have to say; but the Bible tells us that the angels in heaven rejoice over every sinner who is saved.

One of those sinners could be a person we have the courage to chat to about our resurrected Lord Jesus.

Easter Sunday Activity



Print out and colour in the bookmarks

Prayers

Intercessions for Easter Sunday

Risen lord all our hearts with Easter joy we pray.

Living Lord, at the dawn of day the earth was shaken by your life restoring power.

Shake your church today with this seismic news and send us out to tell of your wonder.

Living Lord, your resurrection startled guards and friends alike.

Shatter the fears that stifle our country's politics and breathe new life into our common living.

Lord in your mercy – Hear our prayer

Prayers

Living Lord, you make no distinctions between people.

Transform the narrowness of our vision and judgement so that we can accept everybody as you do. Meet us and greet us in our journey together.

Lord in Your Mercy – Hear our Prayer

Prayers

Living Lord, your mercy endures forever.

Strengthen and sustain all whose spirits are weak and whose lives are gripped by pain or distress. We give thanks for your great goodness.

Living Lord, confused friends left your empty tomb in both fear and great joy.

Lord in your Mercy – Hear our Prayer

Prayers

We hold before you the sadness of loss; and the joy of our hope in you.
Raise us all to share in your glory.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers through our saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen

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What a Beautiful Name

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Great Things

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dBBGjf5z3Ds>

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Other Easter Songs

- Forever <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HKzS4SjBeb8>
- This is Amazing Grace <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cgsbaBlaoVc>
- Mighty to Save <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HnXX8TbUX-E>
- O Praise the Name <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LqBpifDpNKc>
- Rescuer <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7wCfHXgJbdg>
- Happy Day <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gRSOLhFqWh0>
- Lead Me to the Cross <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L-JBbdJ5eZ8>
- Glorious Day <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2ntwGWzdCwc>
- The Power of the Cross <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nPFv-ywTY-c>