

A.L.I.V.E. - Resurrection Sunday 2022

Order of Service

Call to worship

Come! Why so sad?

Wipe away your tears. He is risen!

Let us celebrate! Hallelujah!

Christ the Lord is Risen today!

He is risen indeed. Hallelujah!

A gathering prayer

Risen Lord,

in the stillness and wonder of this moment,

we hardly dare to believe that you are indeed alive!

Yet our hearts are filling with faith, hope and love,

and our souls are beginning to believe!

Wonderful Lord, we fall on our knees with thanksgiving.

Amen.

Song - We believe <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E00j5xGeDm8>

NT reading - Mark 16

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Mark+16&version=NIV>

Song - Lord of the dance <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lgeqGbE5CmE>

Children's Talk (Angela)

Children's song – God's not dead <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E2BZV7m4BUY>

NT Reading – John 20:1-29

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+20%3A1-29&version=NIV>

Prayers of intercession

Lord God, our hearts fill with joy today at the most wonderful news ever: Jesus is alive!

We thank you for all the signs of life that we see around us: sunshine, blossom on the trees, baby birds and animals, buds peeping through the ground; new life is blooming everywhere.

Thank you for the smell of spring, the warmer days, the lighter nights all pointing towards the regeneration that comes from you.

Yours is the glory; risen, conquering Son.

Endless is the victory over death you've won.

Lord Jesus, thank you that you went to the cross for us. Thank you that you love us so much that you willingly suffered all the pain and horror so that we might have a relationship with God. We rejoice that the curtain of separation was torn in two as you died, reconciling us to God. Thank you for love beyond measure. For us.

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Thank you, Lord, for the tremendous victory of the resurrection. Thank you for the hope, the joy, the fulfilment, the everlasting life that your rising brings. Words cannot fully express the amazing triumph of that silent moment in the garden when you once again began to breathe.

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Lord, we thank you for signs of resurrection in our own lives: perhaps something new learnt, a chance for rest and relaxation, a new job, a new member of the family, a recovery. There are so many ways that you bring new growth into our lives. We pause now to thank you for special times that we have recently experienced...

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Lord Jesus, as the women came to the tomb in sorrow, their eyes full of tears, we are aware of so much sorrow still in our world. We lift to you now all the places where conflict exists – between nations, between factions, between families, between partners.

We bring to you our suffering planet: where the beauty you have created is being squeezed by humanity's selfishness and greed.

We bring to you all those who are in pain: those we know and love who are sick, full of sorrow, loneliness or despair.

Lord, we deeply desire that your resurrected presence will fill those people and places of pain and redeem them, bringing the new life that is so dearly needed. Touch every heart with your eternal love, filling each seemingly hopeless situation with the promise of resurrected, everlasting hope.

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Lord, the news of your rising was so amazing that even your closest friends struggled to believe it at first. We pray for all those we know who struggle to believe and trust in you. We ask you to help them ponder the evidence, just like Peter did, and to think seriously about what they see. Help us to show them, by our joy at your resurrection, that new life in Jesus is for everyone, for ever.

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As we celebrate your victory, Lord, go before us this week into every situation we face. Give us new eyes to encounter your freshness and new life. Help us to remember that your resurrection is for ever, not just for one day. Thank you for being alive in us now. Breathe your Spirit into our hearts this week so that we may be faithful witnesses to all that you are and all that you have done.

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Endless is the victory over death you've won.**

Lord, on this most special of days, we once again say thank you with all of our being.
Thank you, Lord Jesus.

Amen.

Sermon – (A.L.I.V.E.) Tim Skinner

Song – In Christ Alone <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rn9-UNer6MQ>

A sending out prayer

Risen Lord,
you always go before us – preparing the way,
leading us further along your path of life.
Today of all days, there is no more fear.
We praise and adore you! Allelulia!

Amen.

The Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all, now, every day and evermore.

Amen.