

# ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH



**EASTER SUNDAY**

WORSHIP PART 2

SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 2021

# INTRODUCTION

*Especially for anyone who is not able to join the online worship. Introductory prayers and readings are intended to assist your participation in worship with the St John's community.*

*The online service continues from where the video concluded, with a Reflection on Easter Flowers.*

# **GREETING**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

May his grace and peace be with you.

**May he fill our hearts with joy.**

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

Lord of life and power,  
through the mighty resurrection of your Son,  
you have overcome  
the old order of sin and death  
and have made all things new in him.  
May we, being dead to sin  
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,  
reign with him in glory,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit is alive,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

## RESURRECTION GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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 towards 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 round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?’

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.

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

# REFLECTION

## A FLOWER

Starting from the flower, a reflection on life given and renewed by God in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**HYMN:** Welcome Happy Morning!

# **CREDAL STATEMENT: The Iona Community**

**We believe in God,  
in whom is power and compassion.**

**We believe in the Creator who gave birth to the universe, set solar systems dancing into space, shaped molecules and mountains, and conceived beauty beyond our imagining. God's power topples tyrants, and brings down walls of separation; God's love embodies the tenderness of a mother and father, encouraging and caring for each one of us.**

**We believe in Jesus,  
born in obscurity in an occupied land;  
a human being, vulnerable to hunger, thirst,  
persecution and grief.**

**He understood the power of love  
and confronted the powers of evil,  
spoke the truth with courage and clarity,  
forgave his enemies and changed lives.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit  
who sustains, comforts and empowers us,  
opens the scriptures,  
opens our minds,  
and illuminates earth's darkness.**

**Amen.**

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying, “Hear us, Lord of glory!”)

That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his holy and life-giving resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the Easter gospel, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That he may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That by his power wars and famine may cease through all the earth, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak, and the dying, that they may be comforted and strengthened, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

**Hear us, Lord of glory!**

# INTERCESSIONS

*I ask your prayers for...*

God in your mercy:  
**Hear our prayer.**

# THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

# DOXOLOGY

Glory to God,  
whose power, working in us,  
do infinitely more  
than we can ask or imagine.

Glory to God from generation to generation,  
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

# CONCLUSION

- Blessings
- Thanksgiving
- Announcements
- The Peace

Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ.  
Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God.  
Alleluia!**

**COFFEE, CHOCOLATE & EASTER EGGS**