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This act of worship has been prepared to allow us all to spend some time with God, knowing that others are sharing in it.

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EASTER DAY: THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD: 12th April 2020

INTROIT

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Alleluia! Christ is risen!
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Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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WELCOME

Welcome to St Mungo's and our online service for Easter Day: the day on which Jesus was raised from the dead. I'd like to pass on your thanks to all who made this possible by their work.

SCRIPTURE SENTENCE

Christ has truly been raised from the dead—the first one and proof that those who sleep in death will also be raised. *1 Corinthians 15:20 (NCB)*

HYMN Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Alleluia! Alleluia!
hearts to heaven and voices raise;
sing to God a hymn of gladness,
sing to God a hymn of praise:
he who on the Cross a victim
for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ the King of glory,
now is risen from the dead.

Christ is risen, we are risen;
shed upon us heavenly grace,
rain, and dew, and gleams of glory
from the brightness of thy face;
so that we, with hearts in heaven,
here on earth may fruitful be,
and by angel-hands be gathered,
and be ever safe with thee.

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glory be to God on high;
to the Father and the Saviour
who has gained the victory;
glory to the Holy Spirit,
fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
to the Triune Majesty.

Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885)

PRAYER

Father God,

We praise you that you brought our Lord Jesus back from the dead.
In your grace you have given us
new birth into a living hope
through his resurrection
and the reality of your Spirit at work in us.

We confess before you now
that sometimes we've not believed in
or even remembered your redeeming power;
we've let ourselves be overcome by evil
rather than overcoming evil by good.
Have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins,
and restore to us the joy of your salvation.

Speak again to us by your Holy Spirit
and through your word to us.
May the truth of his resurrection
fill us with renewed hope and strength.
May the reality of his presence
bring renewed faith and courage.
Remind us that you've granted us an inheritance in Christ
that can never perish, spoil or fade,
and that inheritance is kept safe for us by you
until our salvation appears in Jesus Christ
our Lord and Saviour. **Amen.**

John 20: 1-18**Good News Translation**

Early on Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been taken away from the entrance. She went running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

Then Peter and the other disciple went to the tomb. The two of them were running, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and saw the linen cloths, but he did not go in. Behind him came Simon Peter, and he went straight into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there and the cloth which had been around Jesus' head. It was not lying with the linen cloths but was rolled up by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in; he saw and believed. (They still did not understand the scripture which said that he must rise from death.) Then the disciples went back home.

Mary stood crying outside the tomb. While she was still crying, she bent over and looked in the tomb and saw two angels there dressed in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been, one at the head and the other at the feet. "Woman, why are you crying?" they asked her.

She answered, "They have taken my Lord away, and I do not know where they have put him!"

Then she turned around and saw Jesus standing there; but she did not know that it was Jesus. "Woman, why are you crying?" Jesus asked her. "Who is it that you are looking for?"

She thought he was the gardener, so she said to him, "If you took him away, sir, tell me where you have put him, and I will go and get him."

Jesus said to her, "Mary!"

She turned toward him and said in Hebrew, "Rabboni!" (This means "Teacher.")

"Do not hold on to me," Jesus told her, "because I have not yet gone back up to the Father. But go to my brothers and tell them that I am returning to him who is my Father and their Father, my God and their God."

So Mary Magdalene went and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord and related to them what he had told her.

Good News Translation (GNT) © 1992 by American Bible Society

HYMN See what a morning

Download video at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Qlc0UIRkBk&list=> (with pictures)

See what a morning, gloriously bright
with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light,
as the angels announce Christ is risen!
See God's salvation plan, wrought in love,
borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
fulfilled in Christ, the Man, for He lives,
Christ is risen from the dead!

See Mary weeping: 'Where is He laid?',
as in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;
hears a voice speaking, calling her name:
it's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!
The voice that spans the years, speaking life,
stirring hope, bringing peace to us,
will sound till He appears, for he lives,
Christ is risen from the dead!

One with the Father, Ancient of Days,
through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty,
honour and blessing, glory and praise
to the King crowned with power and authority!
And we are raised with Him, death is dead,
love has won, Christ has conquered;
and we shall reign with Him, for He lives,
Christ is risen from the dead!

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John 11: 17-45**New English Translation (NET Bible)**

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had been in the tomb four days already. (Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, so many of the Jewish people of the region had come to Martha and Mary to console them over the loss of their brother.) So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary was sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will grant you.”

Jesus replied, “Your brother will come back to life again.” Martha said, “I know that he will come back to life again in the resurrection at the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live even if he dies, and the one who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She replied, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God who comes into the world.”

And when she had said this, Martha went and called her sister Mary, saying privately, “The Teacher is here and is asking for you.” So, when Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. (Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still in the place where Martha had come out to meet him.) Then the people who were with Mary in the house consoling her saw her get up quickly and go out. They followed her, because they thought she was going to the tomb to weep there.

Now when Mary came to the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the people who had come with her weeping, he was intensely moved in spirit and greatly distressed. He asked, “Where have you laid him?” They replied, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus wept. Thus the people who had come to mourn said, “Look how much he loved him!” But some of them said, “This is the man who caused the blind man to see! Couldn’t he have done something to keep Lazarus from dying?”

Jesus, intensely moved again, came to the tomb. (Now it was a cave, and a stone was placed across it.) Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the

sister of the deceased, replied, "Lord, by this time the body will have a bad smell, because he has been buried four days." Jesus responded, "Didn't I tell you that if you believe, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you that you have listened to me. I knew that you always listen to me, but I said this for the sake of the crowd standing around here, that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he shouted in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The one who had died came out, his feet and hands tied up with strips of cloth, and a cloth wrapped around his face. Jesus said to them, "Unwrap him and let him go."

Then many of the people, who had come with Mary and had seen the things Jesus did, believed in him.

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SHORT SERMON

HYMN When God's perfect plans are hard to see

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When God's perfect plans are hard to see
and struggles surface everywhere,
we lay our lives before his sovereignty
and pray his peace would find us there.

*Jesus, Lord of peace,
is with us now
and will forever be
our Shepherd King
who leads us into perfect stillness.*

When sadness hits our homes, and all feels lost,
when the night is full of fear,
the God of comfort shows his love to us
and holds us tightly through the tears.

The Lord is my defender, this I know;
he watches over me with grace.
The darkness will not overwhelm my soul,
for my eternity is safe.

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A PRAYER during the CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

by Nick Fawcett in [*For Such Time as This*](#)

We thought we were in charge of our destiny, Lord;
that we had all the answers,
all the solutions to our problems,
nothing being beyond our wit to solve.

And no doubt in time we will beat this virus,
as we have beaten many others,
human ingenuity triumphing again over adversity.

But this crisis of recent months has reminded us
that we're not quite so much in control as we like to imagine;
that life is less secure,
less certain
than we sometimes think,
and that much of what we take for granted
can be swept away in an instant.

Help us to recognise our limitations
as well as our achievements,
our vulnerability as well as our strengths,
and may we find in you one whose promises endure
beyond the changes and chances of this fleeting world,
enfolding us,
and all things,
in your eternal, unchanging love. **Amen.**

HYMN Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bPjTfw4a2ZE>

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son:
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay.
*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.
*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.
*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

Translator: Richard Birch Hoyle; Author: Edmond Budry (1904)

PARTING PRAYER

Now may the God of peace,
who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great Shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal covenant
equip us with everything good for doing God's will,
and may he work in us what is pleasing to him,
through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**