

PARISH OF LATHERON

ORDER OF SERVICE – EASTER

4th APRIL 2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Minister: Christ is risen!

People: **Christ is risen indeed!**

Minister: Easter begins with a journey at early dawn to anoint a crucified corpse.

People: **It continues for eternity**

with the whispered words of God's sovereign love:

All: Let there be light! Let there be life!

Minister: Christ is risen!

People: **Christ is risen indeed!**

Hymn 410

- 1 Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing Alleluia!
unto Christ our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
- 3 But the anguish which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation has procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky He's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
- 4 Sing we to our God above Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING: ACTS 10:34-43

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did

both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

HYMN – HE LIVES! HE LIVES!

1. I serve a risen Saviour, He's in the world today
I know that He is living, whatever men may say
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer
And just the time I need Him He's always near
He lives, He lives Christ Jesus lives today
He walks with me and talks with me
Along life's narrow way
*He lives), He lives, Salvation to impart
You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart*
2. In all the world around me I see His loving care
And though my heart grows weary I never will despair
I know that He is leading, through all the stormy blast
The day of His appearing will come at last
*He lives He lives, Salvation to impart
You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart*
3. Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian Lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ, the King
The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find
None other is so loving, so good and kind
*He lives, He lives, Salvation to impart
You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart*

SCRIPTURE READING: JOHN 20:1-18

²⁰Early 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. ²So 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.' ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple

outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes. ¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and 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. ¹³They 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.' ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus 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.' ¹⁶Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabboni!' (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus 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." ' ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

HYMN – LOW IN THE GRAVE HE LAY

- 1 Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Saviour,
waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!
*Up from the grave he arose;
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;
he arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!*
 - 2 Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Saviour,
vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord!
 - 3 Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Saviour;
he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord! [Refrain]
- EASTER REFLECTION

HYMN 559

1. There is a Redeemer
Jesus, God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God
Messiah, Holy One

*Thank You, O my Father
For giving us Your Son
And leaving us Your Spirit
'Til the work on earth is done*

2. Jesus, my Redeemer
Name above all names
Precious Lamb of God
Messiah, O for sinners slain
3. When I stand in glory
I will see His face
And there I'll serve
My King forever
In that holy place

PRAYER

HYMN 419

1. 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 grave clothes where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
Endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won.*
2. 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.
3. 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.

BENEDICTION