

Virtual Service for the Linton Team of Churches Easter

Please join us in worshipping 'together' wherever you are on Sundays at 10 am. However, if you can't use this material then, you can of course use it at any other time. We suggest that you prepare a suitable space for worship and have available a candle to light at the beginning and some suitable music to play at the end during the 'Offering of ourselves to God'

If you are joining in this service as a group please designate one person as the leader reading the normal print with everyone joining in the text in bold type.

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He has given us new life and hope.

He has raised Jesus from the dead.

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Candle Lighting

A candle may be lit as a focus for worship during the service using the following words

May the light of Christ, rising in glory banish all darkness from
out hears and minds **Amen**

A Hymn/Psalm may be sung or said

Confession

Silence as we call to mind our sins and weaknesses, before confessing them to God.

O Jesus Christ, risen master and triumphant Lord, we come to you in sorrow for our sins, and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength, and not by the power of your resurrection.

In your mercy, forgive us

Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes, as faithless and not believing. In your mercy, forgive us
Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone, and doubted our home in heaven. In your mercy, forgive us
Lord, hear us and help us.

May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins, and restore us in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Collect
Readings
Reflection
Prayers of intercession

Please pray in the way that comes most naturally to you, either in silence or out loud we end with the Lord's Prayer

Traditional

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Modern

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Thanksgiving

We give thanks and praise for the Gospel we have received. Christ died for our sins. Alleluia

He is risen indeed. Alleluia

Death comes to all through Adam, and reigns for a time. New life comes through Christ, and reigns for ever. Alleluia

He is risen indeed. Alleluia

Death where is your victory? Death where is your sting? Death is swallowed up in victory, the victory you give in Christ. Alleluia.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia

We have been crucified with Christ, and live his risen life, to praise you for ever with angels and archangels.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

Hosanna in the highest.

A Hymn/Psalm may be sung or said

Offering ourselves anew.

One or more of the following may be used

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

After the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

God be in my head, and in my understanding;

God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;

God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;

God be in my heart, and in my thinking;

God be at mine end, and at my departing.

Book of Hours

**Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.**

From St Patrick's Breastplate

**Yesterday I was crucified with Christ;
today I am glorified with him.
Yesterday I was dead with Christ;
today I am sharing in his resurrection.
Yesterday I was buried with him;
today I am waking with him
from the sleep of death.**

Gregory of Nazianzus (389)

Music

A suitable piece of music may be played to enable reflection on the offering we are making

Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do his will, working in us that which is well-pleasing in his sight and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. Amen

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