

EASTER SUNDAY 2020

Join Calum, Jess and Samuel for our virtual Easter Sunday service at 10am on Easter Morning. Join with others around Bramhall and beyond be participating virtually.



THE GATHERING

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Christ yesterday and today,
the beginning and the end,

Alpha and Omega,
all time belongs to him,
and all ages;

**to him be glory and power,
through every age and for ever. Amen.**

This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ was raised gloriously from the dead, crushing the power of sin and destroying the sting of death. Throughout the world Christians celebrate the mighty power of God as Christ calls us out of darkness to share in his marvellous light. May we, and all Christ's people, shine as lights in the world to the glory of God the Father.

The light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

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THINE BE THE GLORY

**Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry 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, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.*

**Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb.
Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let His church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.**

**No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life!!
Life is nought without Thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors, through Thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above.**



GOSPEL READING

John 20:1-18

¹Early 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.

¹¹But 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 around 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, 'Rabbouni!' 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.



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The angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said.'

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

To you be glory now and for ever.

In your great mercy you have given us a new birth
into a living hope

through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

By your blessing, may we who have prepared this garden in celebration of his victory
be strengthened in faith,

know the power of his presence,

and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory.

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.



EASTER REFLECTION



DECLARING OUR FAITH

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.



A TIME OF PRAYER

Take **one hand** and look at:

- **Your thumb** – pray for your church community and family;
- **Your first finger** – pray for the NHS, those medical researchers looking for a vaccine and key workers
- **Your second finger** – pray for the Government and all those making tough decisions;
- **Your third finger** – pray for those in care homes and working with the most vulnerable in our communities; and
- **Little finger** – pray for individuals known to you and yourself.

Take **the other hand** and read out loud:

“As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience” (Colossians 3:12)

Let your thumb and each finger represent one of these “clothes” we are to put on:

- **Thumb** – compassion
- **First finger** – kindness
- **Second finger** – humility
- **Third finger** – meekness
- **Little finger** – patience

When you pray, **put your hands together**, and let the “clothing” of one hand touch the people and places in the other, and see what God does.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Standing at the foot of the cross,
 let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us
**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.**



JESUS CHRIS IN RISEN TODAY

**Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia,
 our triumphant holy day; alleluia,
 who did once upon the cross; alleluia,
 suffer to redeem our loss; alleluia!**

**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!**

**But the pains which he endured; Alleluia,
 our salvation have procured; alleluia,
 now above the sky he's King; alleluia,
 where the angels ever sing: alleluia!**

**Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
 Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
 Praise him, all you heavenly host, Alleluia!
 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**



THE CONCLUSION

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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 you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you 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.