

Easter Sunday 9 April 2023



**FOLLOWING JESUS**

*Sharing the journey*

# Notices

- Teapot Tuesday, 2:30pm, Bracon Ash VH
- Flordon Chit Chat, 2-4pm, Wednesday
- All Age Service next Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April, 10am
- Wild Church, Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May

# WILD CHURCH?

“Discovering God through  
creation and the Bible”

For any age

May 5th at 10.00

on the Common

opposite Harvest House

Dress appropriately and feel

free to bring a chair or rug

More details to follow



# Introduction & Welcome



# Special Prayer for Today

## Easter Sunday

God of glory,  
by the raising of your Son  
you have broken the chains  
of death and hell:  
fill your Church with faith and hope;  
for a new day has dawned  
and the way to life stands open  
in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Alleluia Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed.**

**Alleluia!**



# Song: He Has Risen

HE HAS RISEN, He has risen  
He has risen, Jesus is alive

When the life flowed from His body  
Seemed like Jesus' mission failed  
But His sacrifice accomplished  
Vict'ry over sin and hell

HE HAS RISEN, He has risen  
He has risen, Jesus is alive

In the grave God did not leave Him  
For His body to decay  
Raised to life - the Great Awakening  
Satan's pow'r He overcame



HE HAS RISEN, He has risen  
He has risen, Jesus is alive

If there were no resurrection  
We ourselves could not be raised  
But the son of God is living  
So our hope is not in vain

HE HAS RISEN, He has risen  
He has risen, Jesus is alive

When the Lord rides out of heaven  
Mighty angels at His side  
They will sound the final trumpet  
From the grave we shall arise

HE HAS RISEN, He has risen  
He has risen, Jesus is alive

He has given life immortal  
We shall see Him face to face  
Through eternity we'll praise Him  
Christ the champion of our faith

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# A Minute To Win It

EASTER  
EGG HUNT



*The Easter Candle is marked as we use this  
responsory:*

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 passed from death to life.

Throughout the world Christians celebrate the awesome power of God. As we hear his word and proclaim all that God has done, we can be confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him for ever.

*A minister lights the Easter Candle, saying:*

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,  
banish all darkness from our hearts  
and minds.

*The minister carrying the Candle, raises it and  
says:*

The light of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*The candle is placed on a stand.*

Alleluia Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**





*Other candles in church are now lit.*

*With the Easter Candle lit, we say:*

The Lord be with you

**and also with you.**

*A church bell may be rung as we sing.*

# Song: Come and See

Come and see, come and see  
Come and see the King of love  
See the purple robe  
and crown of thorns he wears  
Soldiers mock, rulers sneer  
As he lifts the cruel cross  
Lone and friendless now he climbs  
towards the hill

We worship at your feet  
Where wrath and mercy meet  
And a guilty world is washed  
By love's pure stream  
For us he was made sin  
Oh, help me take it in  
Deep wounds of love cry out 'Father, forgive'  
I worship, I worship  
The Lamb who was slain.

Come and weep, come and mourn  
For your sin that pierced him there  
So much deeper than the wounds of  
thorn and nail

All our pride, all our greed  
All our fallenness and shame  
And the Lord has laid  
the punishment on him

We worship at your feet  
Where wrath and mercy meet  
And a guilty world is washed  
By love's pure stream  
For us he was made sin  
Oh, help me take it in  
Deep wounds of love cry out 'Father, forgive'  
I worship, I worship  
The Lamb who was slain.

Man of heaven, born to earth  
To restore us to your heaven  
Here we bow in awe beneath  
Your searching eyes  
From your tears comes our joy  
From your death our life shall spring  
By your resurrection power we shall rise

# Acts 10:34-43

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak: 'I now realise how true it is that God does not show favouritism  
<sup>35</sup> but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. <sup>36</sup> You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.

# Acts 10:34-43

<sup>37</sup> You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached – <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.



## Acts 10:34-43

<sup>39</sup> ‘We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. <sup>41</sup> He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen – by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

# Acts 10:34-43

<sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead.

<sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

# Mark 16:1-8

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. <sup>2</sup> Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb <sup>3</sup> and they asked each other, 'Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?'

# Mark 16:1-8

<sup>4</sup> But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. <sup>5</sup> As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

<sup>6</sup> ‘Don’t be alarmed,’ he said. ‘You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.’

# Mark 16:1-8

<sup>7</sup> But go, tell his disciples and Peter, “He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.”

<sup>8</sup> Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

**Father God, we are sorry for the things we do and say and think which make you sad, and for not thinking of others before ourselves.**

**Please forgive us, and help us to love you and other people more and more.**

**Amen.**



# Receiving Forgiveness

May almighty God, who sent his Son into the world to save sinners, bring us his pardon and peace, now and for ever.

**Amen.**



# Song: Led like a lamb

Led like a lamb to the slaughter  
In silence and shame,  
There on Your back You carried a world  
Of violence and pain.  
Bleeding, dying, bleeding, dying.



You're alive, You're alive,  
You have risen, Alleluia!  
And the power and the glory is given,  
Alleluia, Jesus, to You.

At break of dawn, poor Mary,  
Still weeping she came,  
When through her grief  
she heard Your voice  
Now speaking her name.  
Mary, Master, Mary, Master!

You're alive, You're alive,  
You have risen, Alleluia!  
And the power and the glory is given,  
Alleluia, Jesus, to You.

At the right hand of the Father  
Now seated on high  
You have begun Your eternal reign  
Of justice and joy.  
Glory, glory, glory, glory.

You're alive, You're alive,  
You have risen, Alleluia!  
And the power and the glory is given,  
Alleluia, Jesus, to You.

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# Easter Reflection



# **The Profession of Faith:**

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

**All: We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son,  
Jesus Christ, who redeemed the world?

**All: We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God?

**All: We believe and trust in him.**



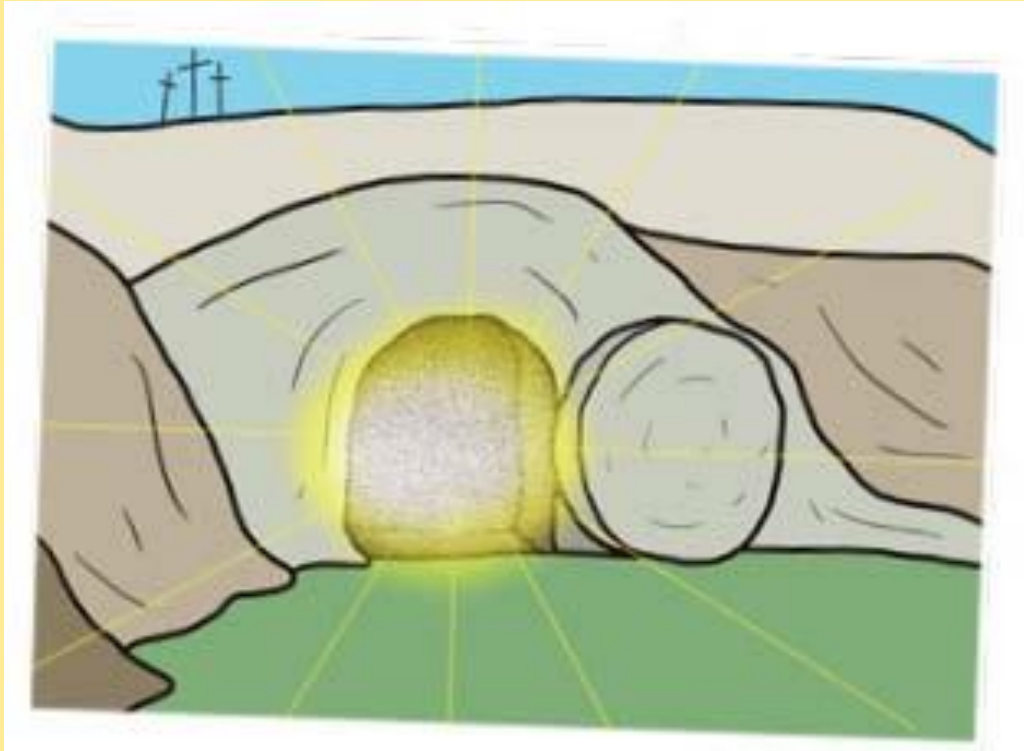
This is the faith of the Church.

**All: This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**

# Easter Prayers - Bev





## PEOPLE


Father God we lift to you all those people we know who are hurting physically, mentally or emotionally. Strengthen and heal them in Jesus name. Amen

## WORLD

Father God we pray for all the countries where there are wars and unrest. Please bring your peace to those places. Amen

## NATURE

Father God we thank you for the beauty of the natural world. Help us all to look after it. Amen



## JESUS

Father God we thank you for Jesus and all that He has done for us. Help us all as we journey with you and each other. Amen

**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!**

**This voice that spans the years  
Speaking life, stirring hope,  
bringing peace to us**

**Will sound 'til 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 pow'r 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!**

# Holy Communion

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**



It is right to praise you,  
Father, Lord of all creation;  
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away  
you did not reject us,  
but came to meet us in your Son.

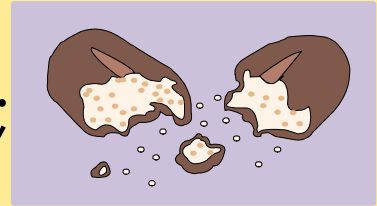
**You embraced us  
as your children  
and welcomed us  
to sit and eat with you.**



In Christ you shared our life  
that we might live in him  
and he in us.

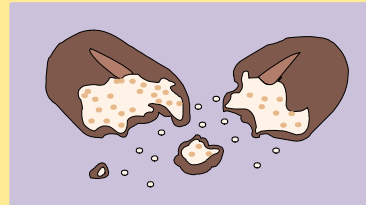
**He opened his arms of love  
upon the cross  
and made for all  
the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,  
at supper with his friends  
he took bread,  
and gave you thanks;  
he broke it



and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body  
which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this  
in remembrance of him:  
his body is the bread of life.**



At the end of supper,  
taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, and said:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you  
for the forgiveness of sins;  
do this in remembrance of me.



**Father, we do this  
in remembrance of him:  
his blood is shed for all.**



As we proclaim his death  
and celebrate his rising in glory,  
send your Holy Spirit  
that this bread and this wine  
may be to us the body and blood  
of your dear Son.

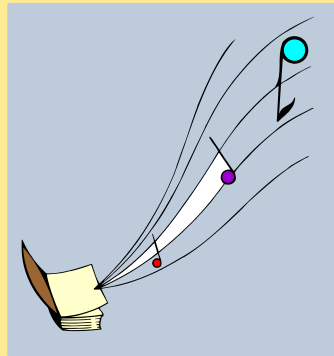




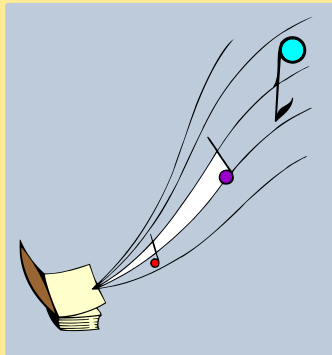
**As we eat and drink  
these holy gifts  
make us one in Christ,  
our risen Lord.**



With your whole Church  
throughout the world  
we offer you  
this sacrifice of praise  
and lift our voice  
to join the eternal song of heaven:



**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full  
of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**



# The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.**

Every time we eat this bread  
and drink this cup.

**We proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes.**



# Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
which he gave for you,  
and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink

in remembrance that Christ died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts  
by faith with thanksgiving.





# Song: Christ is Risen

KEITH & KRISTYN GETTY  
**CHRIST IS RISEN HE IS RISEN INDEED**



# A Sending Out Prayer

Father God, we have come with the women to your tomb and we have felt their reactions.

We have shared their dawning realisation that Jesus is alive.

We have experienced their joy at your living presence.

# A Sending Out Prayer

Send us out,  
with your love in our hearts,  
and your praise on our lips  
that those we meet  
might share our joy too.

In the name of Jesus,  
who lives for evermore.

**Amen.**

# Song: Thine be the glory



**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!**



**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;  
lead us in thy triumph  
to thy home above.**





**Thine be the glory,  
Risen, conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory  
Thou o'er death  
hast won!**



# Blessing

God the Father, by whose glory  
Christ was raised from the dead,  
strengthen you to walk with him  
in his risen life;  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
Be among you and remain with you  
always.

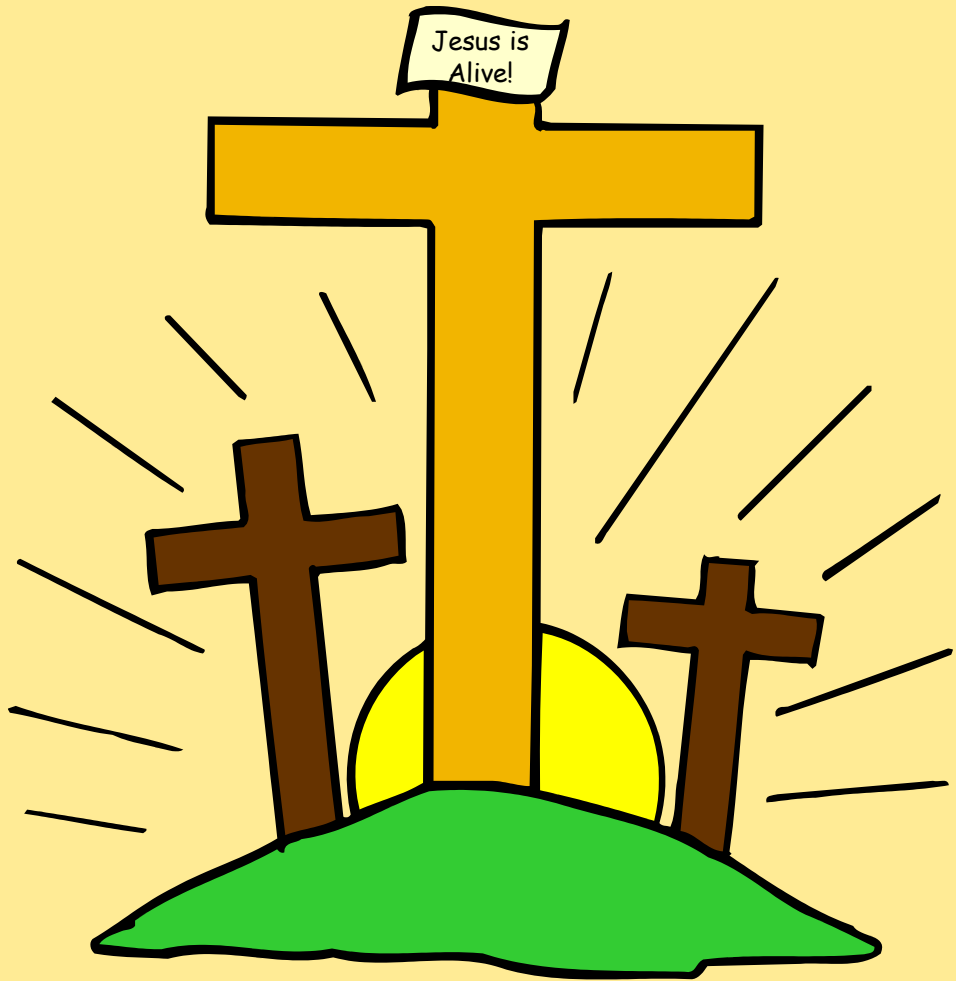
**Amen**

Go in peace to love  
and serve the Lord.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**In the name of Christ.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**



Jesus is  
Alive!