

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2020 10.30 am Easter Sunday**  
**All Age and Communion Prepared by Hilary**

Happy Easter everyone.

Today's service was planned originally, to be an all age celebration of Easter with the church family at VPBC sharing communion. We didn't have a speaker booked as the young people were planning to contribute in other ways. However, things don't always go the way we plan them.

If you would normally take communion, please have ready some bread and wine or juice ready for later in the service.

Even though we're all in our different homes, let's worship together as one body of believers and I pray that the Holy Spirit will present with us all in a powerful way.

In the quietness, reflect on the following words of a song.  
Allow your worship to grow.  
Come to God with an open heart, full of wonder on this glorious day.

Christ is risen.  
Hallelujah.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ is King.  
Risen now, exalted now, we sing.  
Christ is King.  
New life abounds, as morning sounds, death has lost its sting.  
Christ is King.  
New hope has come, through the risen Son, death has lost its sting.  
Christ is King.

Allow these words to wash over your soul.

Bring your own worship to God.

**Song: Hallelujah, Christ is risen from the grave**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vMX9CNgRJCM>

'If man had his way, the plan of redemption would be an endless and  
bloody conflict.

Salvation was bought not by Jesus' fist, but by His nail-pierced hands.

Not by muscle but by love.

Not by vengeance but by forgiveness.

Not by force but by sacrifice.

Jesus Christ our Lord surrendered in order that He might win.  
He destroyed His enemies by dying for them and conquered death by  
allowing death to conquer Him.'

(A.W. Tozer, Preparing for Jesus' Return: Daily Live the Blessed Hope)

**And then He broke the power of death by living again.**

**We worship a risen Jesus.**

**Song: Holy Spirit living breath of God**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8nbMfLQd2P4>

**“Why do you look for the living among the dead?**

**He is not here; he has risen!” Luke 24:5**

**In rising from the dead, Jesus confirmed his identity as the Son of God.**

**Song & Prayer: ‘God our Father – Living room worship & prayer’**

**The Lord’s Prayer and an opportunity to pray for the world.**

**Let your kingdom come. Let your will be done.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KfYnHfiPmfg&feature=youtu.be>

**Maybe you recognised Sara & Sam Hargreaves who led our church weekend in 2018.**

**Song: We believe**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C\\_Z-tKOfGfM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C_Z-tKOfGfM)

**Mary visits the tomb**

**On the first Easter morning, the impossible happened.**

**The tomb was empty, death was defeated, and Jesus had risen.**

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**Not only was the tomb empty but Jesus was walking around meeting**

**Mary and later, his disciples, two days after being dead and buried!**

**Jesus had risen from the dead...and over the course of the next forty**

**days, over five hundred people saw him in his new resurrection body.**

**(1Corinthians 15:6)**

**On the first Easter morning the impossible happened.**

**Death could not hold Jesus in the grave. It was defeated....and Jesus**

**was raised to life.**

**One of the first people who saw Jesus alive again was Mary.**

**On meeting the risen Jesus, Mary’s life was transformed.**

**Instead of being full of grief, Mary was now full of joy.**

**Instead of feeling confused about Jesus, Mary was now full of love for Jesus.**

**Instead of being in despair, Mary was now full of hope.  
The impossible happened on the first Easter day.  
Jesus was raised from the dead and as he met people, their lives were  
changed.**

**Families with children can choose to use the drama.  
Hopefully some of them will dress up, act out the scene and may even  
film their production.**

**Everyone else could spend some time quietly reading  
John chapter 20: 1-18 trying to imagine the scene in your minds.**

**Drama: The impossible has happened. "He's alive!"  
(Dramatized John 20:1-18)**

**Communion began on the annual celebration of Passover when Jesus  
told his disciples to remember his sacrifice as they ate the bread and  
drank the wine.**

**Along with so many other believers in Jesus, we celebrate and  
remember his sacrifice of our sins when he died on the cross.**

**Tok's has written a prayer of thanks before we take communion  
together.**

**Dear Lord Jesus, You were wounded for our transgressions, bruised for  
our iniquity and died on Calvary's cruel cross to pay the redemption price  
for our sins.**

**We come to this communion table today with a heart full of humble  
thanksgiving, and in grateful remembrance of what You did for us at  
Calvary.**

**We confess we have not loved You as we ought, and we have not loved  
our neighbours as ourselves, so we ask that You would cleanse us of all  
our wrongdoings and self-centred thoughts.**

**Thank You that we have been washed in the blood of the Lamb and  
clothed in Your own righteousness by grace through faith. We praise Your  
name for ever and ever,**

**Amen**

**Song: My Lord, what Love is this**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RVgmdzQCl6U>

**Play **verse 1 & chorus** and then press the pause button**

**“While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying,**

**‘Take and eat; this is my body.’” Matthew 26 v 26**

**Take and eat the bread.**

**Play **verse 2 & chorus** and then press the pause button**

**“Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, ‘Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.’” Matt 26 v 26 & 27**

**Take the wine.**

**Play **verse 3 & chorus.****

**Drink the wine as those we were together.**

**Mary and the disciples were drawn in their amazement to worship.**

**They were encouraged by Jesus to believe and share the good news.**

**Let us be encouraged also.**

**Song: What a beautiful name it is**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8GV9pQo4wZo>

Death could not hold you,  
The veil tore before you  
You silenced the boast of sin and grave  
The heavens are roaring the praise of your glory  
For you are raised to life again

You have no rival, You have no equal  
Now and forever God you reign  
Yours is the Kingdom, Yours is the glory  
Yours is the Name above all names

What a powerful Name it is  
What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King

**Blessing**

Jesus came and stood among them and said,  
“Peace be with you!”  
After he said this, he showed them his hands and side.  
The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.  
Again, Jesus said,  
“Peace be with you!  
As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.”  
And with that he breathed on them and said,  
“Receive the Holy Spirit.”  
John 20: 19-22