

# Whare karakia

Home prayers

Easter Sunday  
12 April 2020  
Matthew 28: 1-10  
Revelation 5: 11-14

We realize life is a bit different for all of us right now but nonetheless we worship a God who stays the same through every age and season, and is our constant guide. So, like the first disciples we are imagining church in a new way and invite you to 'worship through' the following liturgy on your own or with your family this Easter Sunday at 10am, from your home. Get yourself a cup of tea and join the community in spirit as we worship from our homes, but with one voice and with one heart!

## Christ is Risen!

Today is Resurrection Day! When we read the story again each year, we can be refreshed and encouraged by the truth that our God follows through. The promises and prophecies made long before Jesus was on earth, were foretelling of his saving presence and triumph over death. But despite them it seems that the disciples gave up all hope when he was crucified. We sometimes give up hope also. We look around at what the world faces and we are overwhelmed. But God follows through! God is faithful! God's saving power is for yesterday, today and tomorrow! Hallelujah!

### Opening Prayer

Christ is Risen  
**He is Risen indeed**

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Christ is Risen  
**He is Risen indeed – Hallelujah!!**

### Song

He Is Lord; He Is Lord  
He Has Risen From The Dead  
And He Is Lord,  
Every Knee Shall Bow,  
Every Tongue Confess  
That Jesus Christ Is Lord.

### Sentence

Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. ( 1 Cor 15: 57)

### Confession & Absolution

Loving and all-seeing God,  
forgive us where we have failed to support one another  
and to be what we claim to be.  
Forgive us where we have failed to serve you;  
and where your thoughts and actions have been  
contrary to yours we ask your pardon.

**God forgives us; be at peace.**

### Bible Story

Revelation 5: 11-14  
Matthew 28: 1-10

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## Reflection: From Learne

On this very surreal and strange Resurrection Sunday I believe we celebrate what is still The Greatest Day in History. A day like no other. Crazy chaos – things happened that no-one had ever experienced. People were running and looking and conversing and worrying and second guessing and crying and wondering..could it be true? Is it true? What does it mean if it is true?

In all of the resurrection accounts in the gospels the people all show evidence of lots of different emotions – they were scared, anxious, angry, fearful, disappointed, sad, frustrated, bewildered but then excited and thoughtful and hopeful and even exultant.

As they each encountered the risen Lord Jesus Christ their difficult emotions gave way to joyous emotions. But it wasn't just their emotions that changed. Their world view of life changed. Their belief changed. Their foundations were shifted and life was never the same again. From that day forth the resurrected Lord Jesus Christ was the story they told and the foundation they stood upon and it was the event that mobilised and motivated them to go out into the world and make a difference. His resurrection was the final confirmation for everything he had said and done. Death is not the end and is in fact defeated – hope of a world that can be transformed under the new regime, the new ruler, the new kingdom – God once again confirmed as being on the throne. Hallelujah!! Hallelujah!!

## Intercessions

In our prayers today, we put all our thoughts and worries and hopes into the hands of God. You may like to hold your own hands in front of you as you pray. Create your own prayers for each of the headings below:



The World



The Church



Communities



Sickness



Sorry God

**Jesus help us to see your light and experience your resurrection today and every day. Thank you that we are Resurrection People able to share your love and life with others. Amen.**

*Extra: you can create a prayer collage (cutting out pictures or words from magazines or drawing them) to remind you to pray for things in your world that need resurrection.*

## Questions to ponder

- What does resurrection mean to you?
- What is special and positive about Easter Sunday this year, that is different to others?

## Closing Prayer

Christ, you are risen from the dead.  
We are risen with you.  
May our life never deny this eternal life,  
this peace and hope and joy.  
Praise and glory to the God of life  
who is stronger than all kinds of death. Alleluia.

## Song

Turn your eyes upon Jesus  
Look full in His wonderful face  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
In the light of His glory and grace

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