

Music for Reflection

Suggested song: [Colossian Hymn](#)

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<https://malcolmgordon.bandcamp.com/track/the-colossian-hymn>

Closing Responses & Blessing

Go now before us, Risen Christ, into the world of your loving, the world of your living and dying, and there, help us to bear witness to your Risen Life.

Christ be with us,
Christ be within us,
Christ behind us,
Christ before us. **2.**

Bless us and the people we meet along the way
Father,
Son
and Holy Spirit.

Amen

RESURRECTION

Who brightens my day?

Lightens my load, straightens my way?

Whose joy am I taking?

Spring in the air, everything's waking.

For see winter is passing -

The rain is gone, flowers appear on the Earth.

Oh my lord, 'tis you has made this morning so fair.

All of this loveliness is you.

See this soul is new,

This soul is free, life has come through.

Love came and this heart blessed

Answered the plea made in my darkness.

My friends, whom are you seeking?

The tomb is bare, a power is loosed in the world.

Oh my Lord, 'tis you! I thrill to the touch of your hand.

To praise you Lord is all that I can do.

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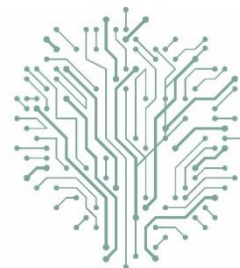
All of this loveliness is you.

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UNITING THE SCATTERED COMMUNITY

Simple worship for the scattered Christian community

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<https://vimeo.com/572335335>

Matthew 28: 1-10
Easter Day

Welcome

An opportunity to welcome people to the gathering

Responses & Gathering Prayer

Rise up and live!

Life springing forth from death is offered to the world.

Thanks be to you, O Christ.

Christ is risen, alive in overflowing grace.

Thanks be to you, O Christ.

Christ is risen, alive in the determined survival of good.

Thanks be to you, O Christ.

Death has overcome for ever.

As we wait in awe this day, we pray that the signs of the risen Christ will be made real among us.

Be present with us in ways which go deeply into our life, O God, that we may find the passion of your life within us and around us,

This we pray in faith because we believe that you are indeed alive. **1.**

Amen.

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Passing the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

You are invited to turn to those around you and offer them a word of greeting and peace.

The Word around the Bush

Matthew 28: 1-10

The Resurrection of Jesus

28 After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

The Message

From your Scattered Community Minister or another leader within your gathering.

Questions for conversation

- What did you hear in the Word today?
- How would you describe an encounter with the risen Christ?
- How might your Christian community bear witness to the risen Christ?

Silence in Two Ways

Spend some time in silence sitting still (suggested 5 minutes). Close your eyes lightly. Sit relaxed but alert.

- You may like to say the prayer phrase "Mar-an-ath-a" (which means come Lord). Say this as four syllables. Do not try to think or imagine anything. If

thoughts or distractions come simply return to saying the word.

- Or you may like "sitting with God" — a silent time in which we focus all our mind, heart and soul on the presence of God without trying to create it. Simply be still and open to God.

Prayers for Others

On this day when we celebrate your risen life, O Christ, we think of all the places and people who rarely share in that joy because their own lives and bowed down with the weight of war, of want and domination of oppressive powers. We remember them before you now:

The people pray and light a candle:

Life up your risen life among them we pray.
Rise in righteous indignation,
Rise in courage and strength,
Rise in justice which knows no end.

And then emerge as risen life in our lives, O Christ, for we are always part of the future of others who suffer.

Silent Reflection:

Show your life in our life, O God.

Rise as clear commitment to those who struggle.

Rise as daring in face the truth about ourselves and the society in which we live.

Rise as brave stands for peace and compassion and as faithfulness in never giving up on ourselves and others.

Rise in an end to apathy and hopelessness and in celebrating of your vision for a world we have not yet seen.

Be alive in us this day and every day, Jesus Christ, for we long to be the people of the living God Amen. 1.