

# Easter Sunday

20th April 2025

Led by Mike Holroyd & Fiona Bennett

## Welcome & Gathering

### Call to worship

One: The Risen Christ is amongst us

ALL: Breathing new hope into our hearts

Breathing new vision into our imaginations

Breathing new purpose into our actions

One: Christ is risen!

ALL: He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

### Hymn: Jesus Christ is risen today CH4 410

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  
unto Christ, our heavenly King,  
who endured the cross and grave,  
all life to redeem and save.

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  
praise eternal as God's love;  
praise God, all you heavenly host,  
Maker, Christ and Holy Ghost.

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### Opening Prayer with movement

ALL: The Source of Life, holds us (*hands clasped*)

The Guide of living, leads (*hands making a cross*)

The Spirit of re-birth, transforms us (*hands in butterfly*)

Holy Three-in-One, we worship you.



Where God grows

By

Jan Richardson

We unite our prayers together in the Jesus' Prayer or Lord's Prayer using the form or words which are most worshipful for us...

Source of Life,

Father and Mother of us all:

Creation honours you!

May your Realm of Justice & Joy

Sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another,  
forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever. Amen

### **Time for all ages: An Eggy Tale**

#### **Hymn: Now the green blade rises CH4 417**

Now the green blade rises from the earth again

Wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;

Love lives again, that with the dead has been:

Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

In the grave they laid him, Love whom we had slain,

Thinking that never he would wake again,

Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:

Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,

He that for three days in the grave had lain,

Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:

Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain,

Your touch can call us back to life again,

Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:

Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

## **Reading: John 20:1-18 read by Ewen Harley**

20Early 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 toward 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? Whom are you looking for?" 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.

## **Sermon by Fiona Bennett**

## **Meditation by Karl Macrae**

## **Offering & Dedication**

Praise God from whom all blessing flow  
Praise God all creature here below  
Praise God above, You heavenly host  
Praise Maker Christ and Holy Ghost

*Music: Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510-1561.  
Words: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711*

## **Communion**

### **Hymn: Come to the table of grace**

Come to the table of grace  
Come to the table of grace  
This God's table it's not yours or mine  
Come to table of grace.

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Celebrant: We unite in prayer with followers of Jesus since the earliest times as we say:

God be with you

ALL: And with your spirit

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts

ALL: We lift them to God

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to God

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise

Celebrant: Holy Loving God,

For the universe you have crafted in all its variety and mystery

ALL: We praise and thank you

Celebrant: For the gift of Christ Jesus; vulnerable healer & guide

ALL: We praise and thank you

Celebrant: For your Salvation; love crucified and resurrected.

ALL: We praise and thank you

Celebrant: With people everywhere, past present and yet to come

ALL: We praise and thank you

### **Hymn: God bless to us our bread CH4 763**

God bless to us our bread,  
And give bread to all those who are hungry  
and hunger for justice to all who are fed.  
God bless to us our bread.

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### **Song: This is the body of Christ CH4 799**

Broken that we might be whole.  
This cup as promised by God,  
True to God's Word,  
Cradles our Lord  
Food the good of us all.

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*Peace*

Celebrant: Let us sign the Peace to each other...

*Closing Response*

Celebrant: Together we are nourished by Jesus' life.

ALL: We go to share his life and love.

## Notices

### **Hymn: Christ is alive CH4 416**

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing  
The cross stands empty to the sky  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound  
To distant years in Palestine  
But saving, healing, here and now,  
And touching every place and time.

In every insult, rift or war,  
Where colour, sex or wealth divide,  
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more  
And lives, where even hope has died.

People in every shape and size,  
Can feel the Spirit, hear the call,  
And find the way, the life, the truth,  
Revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
Good news to this and every age,  
Till earth and sky and ocean ring  
With joy, with justice, love and praise.

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## **Blessing & Sung Amen**

## What's on @ AUC this week?

Event	Date	Time	Location	Notes
Easter Sunday Worship	Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> April	10.15am/ 11am	AUC & Online	10.15am Egg Rolls & Hunt 11am Celebration Service & Communion Mike is leading and Fiona is preaching
Post Service Zoom Social	Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> April	12 noon	Online	
<b>Contextual Bible Study is on a break. Back 30<sup>th</sup> April/1<sup>st</sup> May</b>				
Sunday Worship	Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> April	11am	AUC & Online	Laurence is leading and Kate is preaching
Post Service Zoom Social	Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> April	12 noon	Online	
Our Tribe Coffee Social	Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> April	1.30pm	Coffee Saints, 2A Little King Street, EH1 3AR	All welcome!

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