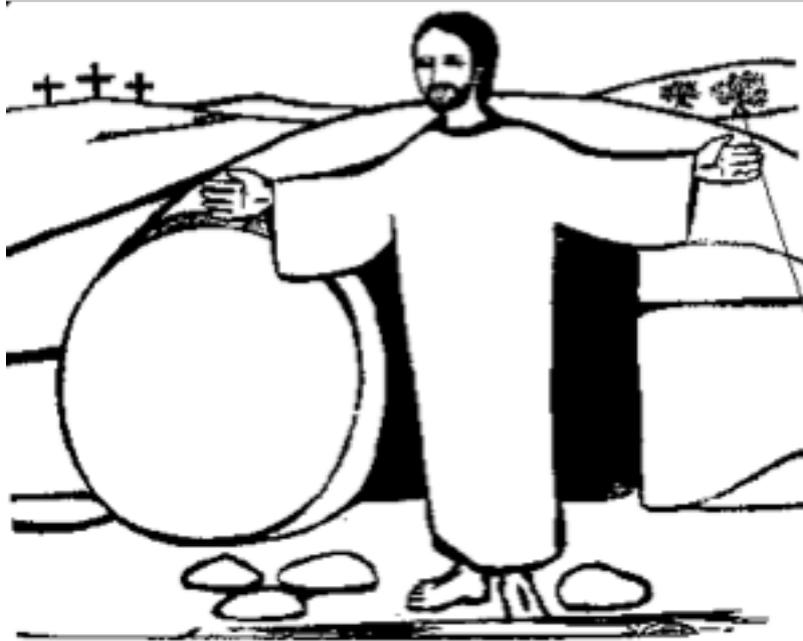


## Sunday 12 April Easter Day



*If you are lighting a candle say:*

**We light this candle because Christ is the Light no darkness can extinguish**

+ In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

*Hold an egg (real or chocolate) as a sign of new life and our belief that the resurrection will come in your hand throughout the Service this morning:*

**Alleluia, Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

O heaven is earth and earth is heaven,  
to know that Christ the King is risen!  
**To know the Easter tale is true,  
that Jesus Christ makes all things new!**

The Lord of the empty tomb, the conqueror of gloom,  
**Come to us.**  
The Lord in the garden walking, the Lord to Mary talking,  
**Come to us.**

The Lord in the Upper Room, dispelling fear and doom,  
**Come to us.**  
The Lord on the road to Emmaus, **Come to us.**  
The Lord giving hope to Thomas **Come to us.**  
The Lord appearing on the shore, giving us life for evermore,  
**Come to us.**  
**Come to us in the new light**  
**Come to us in the new joy**  
**Come to us in the new creation. Amen.**

**Reading: Matthew 28:1-10**

**Prayers of Intercession for others and the whole world**

**Song**

*If you can go outside or go into your garden or stand on your doorstep  
sing or say and proclaim to the world:*

Thine be the glory, Risen, conqu'ring 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...*

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:  
Bring us safe through Jordan To Thy home above.  
*Thine is the glory...*

*(Songwriters: Georg Frideric Handel)*

**Final Prayer**

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. **Amen.**

Alleluia, Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**