



Easter Sunrise Service

Christ is Risen!



Sunday 5th April 2026
Marine Parade, Weston-super-Mare - 6.30 AM

Order of Service

Welcome & Gathering

Revd Steve Kempton
Vice President of Love Weston / HT Elim Church

We gather at the break of dawn to proclaim the greatest news the world has ever heard — that Jesus Christ, who was crucified and buried, has risen from the dead.

Death could not hold Him. The grave is empty. Hope is alive!

Leader: Alleluia. Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: He has given us new life and hope by raising Jesus from the dead.

Leader: God has claimed us as his own:

All: He has made us a light to the world.

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Opening Hymn

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

VERSE 1

Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing ye heav'ns and earth reply, Alleluia!

VERSE 2

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Dying once, He all doth save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

VERSE 3

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids His rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

VERSE 4

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

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Bible Reading 1

Susan Cannock

Matthew 28:5-7 — Jesus Has Risen

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Bible Reading 2

Darren Crockett

1 Peter 1:3 — Praise to God for a Living Hope

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Talk

Speaker: Revd Sam Healey / St Paul's Church

Hymn

Living Hope

VERSE 1

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation, I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night

Then through the darkness, Your lovingkindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished, the end is written
Jesus Christ, my living hope

VERSE 2

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame

The cross has spoken, I am forgiven
The King of Kings calls me His own
Beautiful Saviour, I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ, my living hope

CHORUS (X2)

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope

VERSE 3 (X2)

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me

Jesus, Yours is the victory!

CHORUS (X2)



ENDING

Jesus Christ, my living hope
Oh God, You are my living hope

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Revd Craig Philbrick – President of Love Weston / St Paul's Church

We give thanks for the risen Christ, who has conquered sin and death and opened the way to life in all its fullness.

We pray for our world, our communities, and one another in the light of Easter hope.

After each prayer:

Lord, in your risen power:

Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

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Statement of Faith

(Let us confess the faith of the Church:)

We believe in God the Father, who made the world.

We believe in His Son Jesus Christ, who redeemed the world.

We believe in His Spirit, who gives life to the people of God.

We believe that Christ died, was buried, and rose on the third day.

We believe that He ascended to the Father and will come again in glory.

We believe in the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting.

This is our faith.

We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

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Notices

Easter Proclamation

(Said together, with growing joy)

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Death has been swallowed up in victory.

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through Jesus Christ!

The stone has been rolled away.

The tomb is empty and our hearts are full!

He appeared to Mary, to Peter, to the disciples.

And He is with us now — risen, alive, and exalted!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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Final Hymn

Thine Is the Glory

VERSE 1

Thine is 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.

CHORUS

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son,
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.

VERSE 2

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
Let His Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.

CHORUS

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son,
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.

VERSE 3

No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of Life!
Life is nought 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.

CHORUS

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son,
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.

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The Blessing

Go now into this Easter day — carrying the joy of the resurrection, the peace of the risen Lord, and the hope that nothing, not even death, can separate us from the love of God.

*Christ the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life for the sheep,
draw you and all who hear his voice to be one flock within one fold.*

Amen.

*The God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,
establish, strengthen, and settle you in the faith.*

Amen.

*And the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you, now and always.*

Amen.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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Breakfast!

Please join us for Hot Cross Buns and fellowship.

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Welcome to Love Weston!

'Love in Action – Together Making Weston a Place of Hope'

About Us

Today's event was organised by Love Weston – Part of Churches Together in Weston & District - a local association of Churches, affiliated to Churches Together in England – Registered Charity No 1110782.

For more about Churches Together, to join the team or find out about representing your church at Love Weston, please visit www.loveston.org.uk or email president@ctwd.org.uk.

Thanks! – to everyone for joining us today as we have shared in the message of Easter Hope and Joy!

Special thanks to Revd Craig Philbrick (President), Revd Steve Kempton (Vice President), Darren Crockett, Susan Cannock, Martin Fisher, Malcolm Bowen, Emily Cumberbatch, our stewards, North Somerset Council, and all those who helped to make this event happen.

Special Thanks!

to *Revd Steve Kempton* who will shortly be moving to pastures new. We are grateful to him for many years of partnership in Love Weston / Churches Together and wish him every blessing and much success in the next chapter of his ministry.

