

Easter Service 2025

Becoming the person God made me to be:
living, learning, loving.

*"I praise you because I am fearfully and
wonderfully made" Psalm 139:14*

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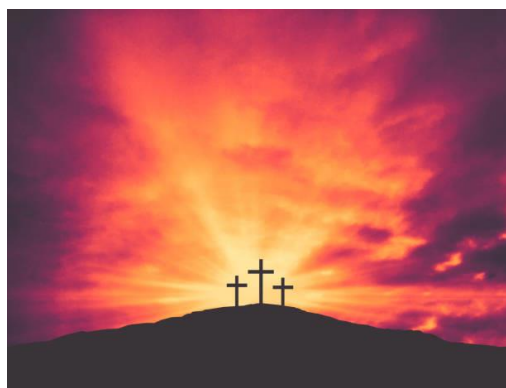
HOPE



DIGNITY



COMMUNITY



Welcome from Rev Joanne

In our service today, we will go on a journey from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday with our singing and our readings.

READING - John 12 / Jesus Enters Jerusalem

Easter Story

1 Into Jerusalem Jesus arrived,
Humbly He chose just a donkey to ride,
The people laid branches and cloaks on the ground
To welcome in their King.
Only days later how everything changed,
After He shared a last meal with His friends,
Now soldiers arrested Him, He was betrayed,
Completely on His own.

CHORUS *He came to earth for us,
He gave His life in love,
He did it for you and for me.
And now He is alive,
He's risen from the dead,
The name far above every name.
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
Hallelujah, hallelujah.*

2 Falsely accused, but He made no reply,
Did nothing wrong but was sentenced to die,
Was mocked by the soldiers and jeered by the crowd,
And nailed to a cross.
Three hours of darkness fell over the land,
Jesus cried out, 'It is finished!', then died.
They pierced His side, took Him down from the cross
And laid Him in a tomb.

CHORUS

3 They came to the tomb, found the stone rolled away,
Angels now stood where His body had lain.
'Do not be afraid because He is not here,
He's risen from the dead!'

CHORUS *(with harmonies)*
*Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.*

READING - John 13 / Jesus becomes a Servant

HERE I AM TO WORSHIP (LIGHT OF THE WORLD)

Words and Music by Tim Hughes

- 1 Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore You,
Hope of a life spent with You.

CHORUS *Here I am to worship,
Here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God,
You're altogether lovely,
Altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.*

- 2 King of all days, oh so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above.
Humbly You came to the earth You created,
All for love's sake became poor.

CHORUS

BRIDGE I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross.
I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross.

CHORUS x 2

READINGS - Mathew 26 / Jesus shares his last meal with his friends

At The Cross

(Groups 1 & 2)

At the cross (At the cross),
At the cross we think of Jesus,
Of His love (Of His love),
Of His love that never leaves us,
Of the life (Of the life),
Of the life He gave to free us,
Thank you Jesus for the power of the cross.

(Group 3)

Thank you Jesus, thank you Lord,
For the gift of life you brought,
You died, you rose, you saved us all,
Thank you Jesus for the power of the cross.

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Of His love that never leaves us,
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Of the life He gave to free us,

(All)

Thank you Jesus for the power of the cross.

(Group 3)

Thank you Jesus,
Thank you Lord,
For the gift of
Life you brought,
You died, you rose,
You saved us all,

Three Days That Changed The World

CHORUS *Three days that changed the world,
All the headlines read.
Three days that changed the world,
Jesus is risen from the dead.
Three days that changed the world,
The story of God's son,
The headline news of Easter
Is that God loves everyone.*

CHORUS

It started on a Friday with sadness and with tears.
On Saturday came anger, confusion, doubt and fears.
And then on Sunday morning, the wonder and the joy
Of life that lasts forever, that death cannot destroy.

CHORUS

*The headline news of Easter
Is that God loves everyone.*

CELEBRATE

- 1 Sing a song, sing a joyful song,
Sing a joyful song to celebrate!
(Repeat)

CHORUS *Jesus is alive, you know,
He's risen from the dead.
He was crucified but now He's
Risen like He said! (Hallelujah!)*

- 2 Clap your hands, clap your hands like this,
Clap your hands like this to celebrate!
(Repeat)

CHORUS

- 3 Jump up and down, up and down and around,
Up and down and around to celebrate!
(Repeat)

CHORUS

- 4 Dance to the beat, to the beat of the drum,
To the beat of the drum to celebrate!
(Repeat)

CHORUS

- 5 Wave your hands, wave your hands in the air,
Wave your hands in the air to celebrate!
(Repeat)

CHORUS

- 6 Sing a song, sing a joyful song,
Sing a joyful song to celebrate!
(Repeat)

PRAYER - Rev Joanne

LORD OF THE DANCE

Words and Music by Sydney Carter

- 1 I danced in the morning when the world was young,
I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

CHORUS *Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

- 2 I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,
But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me,
I danced for the fishermen James and John –
They came with me and the dance went on.

CHORUS

- 3 I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
The holy people said it was a shame,
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
And left me there on a cross to die.

CHORUS

- 4 I danced on a Friday when the world turned black –
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
But I am the dance and I still go on.

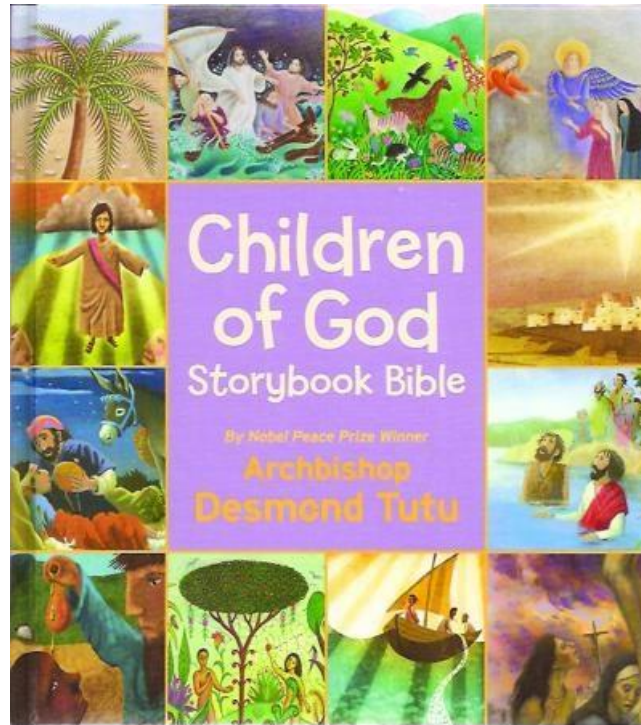
CHORUS

- 5 They cut me down and I leapt up high;
I am the life that will never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me –
I am the Lord of the dance, said he.

CHORUS x 2

And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

Most of the readings have been taken directly
from “The Children of God Storybook Bible”
by Archbishop Desmond Tutu



THANKYOU FOR JOINING US FOR OUR
EASTER SERVICE
WE HOPE YOU ALL HAVE AN
ENJOYABLE EASTER BREAK

