



**Easter Morning
Sunrise Service**

6.30am, 5 April 2026
Castle Hill, Bardsey

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Listen! Hear the remarkable good news to which we bear witness. Our Saviour, who was dead, is alive!

Christ is risen!

Our Beloved, betrayed abandoned, crucified and buried, is alive again!

Christ is risen!

The power of death and fear are broken and no longer hold us captive because Christ lives!

Christ is risen!

The power of God's love cannot be destroyed.

Christ is victorious. Let us celebrate this most joyful of all days! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

This morning God's love breaks through once again. We have a moment now, to feel the warmth of God's glory. We pray that new growth will burst forth in us, as in nature.

This morning we are forgiven and in forgiving we are free.

This is the day that our God has made

We will rejoice and be glad in it!

CONFESSION

**Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins and
confess to you our weakness and unbelief.**

ABSOLUTION

SCRIPTURE READING

Saturday evening, when the Sabbath ended, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome went out and purchased burial spices so they could anoint Jesus' body. ² Very early on Sunday morning, just at sunrise, they went to the tomb. ³ On the way they were asking each other, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴ But as they arrived, they looked up and saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled aside. ⁵ When they entered the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a white robe sitting on the right side. The women were shocked, ⁶ but the angel said, "Don't be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Look, this is where they laid his body. ⁷ Now go and tell his disciples, including Peter, that Jesus is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you before he died." ⁸ The women fled from the tomb, trembling and bewildered, and they said nothing to anyone because they were too frightened.

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

The message of Easter Day is that Jesus is alive and with us. He is part of this community.

On Good Friday we remembered that Jesus had 'left the building', it was all over, it was finished.

Today we celebrate Jesus in Bardsey, as an active member of our life together.

We welcome him and make room for him among us, giving him the place of highest honour.

So we pray for our community in a time of quietness.

We listen to the birds or the rain and with nature, awake to a new day with God, bringing all to him.

[QUIETNESS]

Thank you God, for the gift of Jesus

Thank you for the gift of my life

Thank you for the gift of the life of those around me today.

Thank you for this new day

**Thank you for your compassion
and your forgiveness**

**Thank you for the
mystery and wonder of life.**

In our gratitude, we commend our lives to you this day, remembering your love your kindness and your faithfulness.

Let us receive your gift of communion knowing that we have been healed and blessed in the morning light of your resurrection. Amen.

We say the Lord's Prayer together

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

The Eucharistic Prayer ends with:
Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

We sing:

**Thine be the glory, risen, conquering 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 His church with gladness hymns of triumph
sing,
For the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.**

Thine be the glory...

**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.**

***Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.***

CLOSING PRAYER

We say together:

**Lord, we have so much to be thankful for this
Easter morning.**

**In the chill of the morning air, we do feel the warm
blessing of your Spirit.**

**We can rejoice this day because our tendency
toward disbelief is overcome by our capacity for
faith.**

**We are truly amazed that a cross of crucifixion
has been transformed into a symbol of new life, a
symbol of eternal life.**

**We are thankful that you come to greet us in
a garden of hope, trust, and faith.**

**We thank you that a dark and empty tomb has
emerged into a garden of light and living.**

**In all our days, we shall live for Christ,
the resurrected and risen Saviour. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

The tomb is empty,
Christ has risen.

As you journey in faith,
may your life be full,
your love be abundant,

and your hope be eternal.
Live this day and always for Christ

Live this day and always for Christ Jesus
because the Risen Christ lives in you.

Alleluia Christ is Risen

EASTER BLESSING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

Please join us for refreshments in the Callister Hall
straight after this service.

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