



A Blessing

May I go forth in joy to love and serve God
in all that I do.

Being sent in the name of the risen Christ.

Let my heart and voice bless our Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

May the God of peace,
who raised to life
the great Shepherd of the sheep,
make us ready to do his will
in every good thing,
through Jesus Christ,
to whom be glory for ever and ever.

Amen. Alleluia!

**Do Not Be Afraid.
Go and Tell All People,
Jesus Is Alive!**

The **Methodist Church**
Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service

A cappella worship songs

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

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA,
*Give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.*

Jesus is Lord of all the earth,
He is the King of creation.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth,
Jesus has died and has risen.

We have been crucified with Christ,
Now we shall live for ever.

God has proclaimed the just reward,
Life for all men, alleluia!

Come let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Saviour.



*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
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity. Amen*

Reading: Matthew 28:1-10 (NIVUK)
Jesus has risen

¹After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

²There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

⁵The angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. ⁷Then 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.'

⁸So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them. 'Greetings,' he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshipped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

**HE IS LORD, He is Lord,
He is risen from the dead
And He is Lord.
Every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord.**



Let us pray.

When everything was dark

*and it seemed that the sun would never shine again,
your love broke through.*

*Your love was too strong,
too wide,
too deep
for death to hold.*

*The sparks cast by your love
dance and spread
and burst forth
with resurrection light.*

*Gracious God,
We praise you for the light of new life
made possible through Jesus.
We praise you for the light of new life
that shone on the first witnesses of resurrection.
We praise you for the light of new life
that continues to shine in our hearts today.*

*We pray that the Easter light of life, hope and joy,
will live in us each day,
and that we will be bearers of that light
into the lives of others.*

Amen.

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY;

Hallelujah!

Our triumphant holy day; Hallelujah!

Who did once upon the cross; Hallelujah!

Suffer to redeem our loss; Hallelujah!

Hymns of praise then let us sing; Hallelujah!

Unto Christ our heavenly King; Hallelujah!

Who endured the cross and grave; Hallelujah!

Sinners to redeem and save; Hallelujah!

But the pains which He endured; Hallelujah!

Our salvation have procured; Hallelujah!

Now in heaven above He's King; Hallelujah!

Where the angels ever sing: Hallelujah!