

# St George's Church

Service of the Word | Easter Season



Welcome to St George's Church. If you are new or visiting, please introduce yourself to us after the service – we are delighted to have you with us.



For regular events and news from St George's Church, make sure you are on our mailing list. Previous Pastoral Letters are available on our church website.

God's family, reaching out and welcoming in, because  
**JESUS IS GOOD NEWS**

## **Before the Service begins**

As you wait for the service to begin, pray for a few people around you. Think of people who are unable to attend and bring them before the Lord in prayer.

Ask God to meet us and change us today. The following prayer is a good one to use:

Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## CALL: God gathers us

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us:

**so let us celebrate the feast,**

not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness:

**but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.**

Christ once raised from the dead dies no more:

**death has no more dominion over him.**

In dying he died to sin once for all:

**in living he lives to God.**

Count yourselves therefore as dead to sin:

**and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Christ has been raised from the dead:

**the first fruits of those who sleep.**

For as by man came death:

**by man has come also the resurrection of the dead;**

for as in Adam all die:

**even so in Christ shall all be made alive.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Hymn

## CONFESSION: God cleanses us

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

We have lived by our own strength,  
and not by the power of your resurrection.  
In your mercy, forgive us. **Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,  
as faithless and not believing.  
In your mercy, forgive us. **Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone,  
and doubted our home in glory.  
In your mercy, forgive us. **Lord, hear us and help us.**

This is the message of faith that we proclaim:

**If you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,”  
and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead,  
you will be saved.**

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*We sing:*

**The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
His mercies never come to an end;  
They are new ev’ry morning, new ev’ry morning,  
great is Thy faithfulness, O Lord,  
great is Thy faithfulness.**

*[Lamentations 3:22-23]*

The Collect (set prayer for today)

## CONSECRATION: God speaks and transforms us

*The first Bible reading ends with this Response:*

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Gospel reading*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N*:  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After the reading:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Hymn

Sermon

Hymn

*Remain standing for the Apostles' Creed.*

Let us affirm our faith in the living God:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended to heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

## Prayers

*Some of the prayers may end in this way:*

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**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 forever.  
Amen.**

## Hymn

*We remain standing:*

### **COMMISSION: God sends us**

You have been raised with Christ, therefore set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

**We set our minds on things above, not on earthly things.  
For we have died, and our life is now hidden with Christ in God.**

When Christ, who is your life, appears,  
then you also will appear with him in glory.

*[Colossians 3:1-4]*

The end of all things is near.  
**Lord, make us alert and of sober mind,  
so that we may pray.**

Above all, love each other deeply,  
**because love covers over a multitude of sins.**

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

**In all things may God be praised through Jesus Christ.**

**To him be the glory and the power, for ever and ever.**

**Amen.**

*[1 Peter 4:7-8,10,11]*

### Final blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,

that great shepherd of the sheep,

through the blood of the eternal covenant,

make you perfect in every good work to do his will,

working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;

and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always.

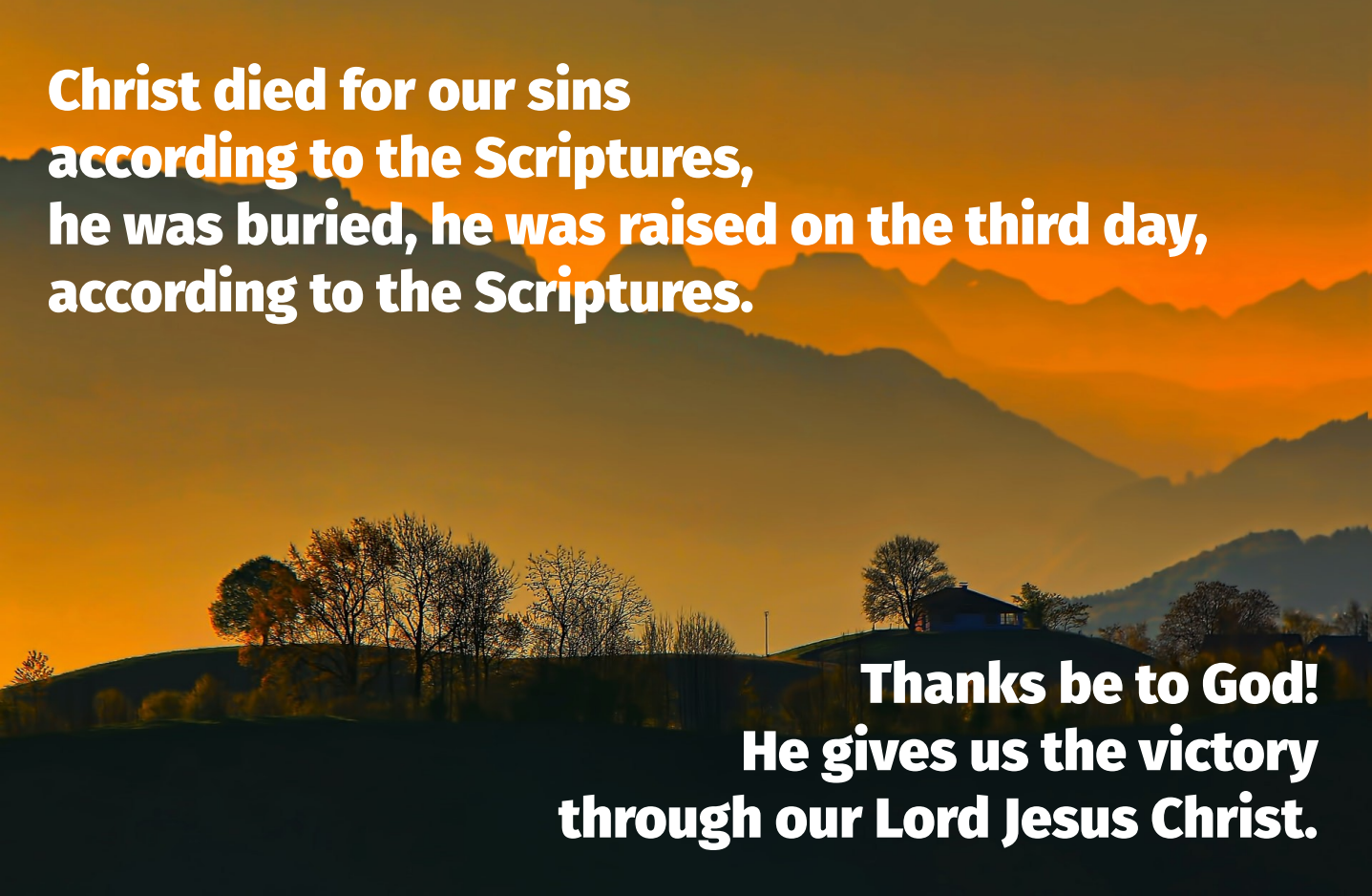
**Amen.**

*[Hebrews 13:20-21]*

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

*You are most welcome to stay for refreshments.  
If you would like someone to pray with you, please ask.*



**Christ died for our sins  
according to the Scriptures,  
he was buried, he was raised on the third day,  
according to the Scriptures.**

**Thanks be to God!  
He gives us the victory  
through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

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