## EASTER SERVICE 2024

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



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# WE GATHER



<u>Welcome</u> to our 2024 <u>Easter Service</u>.

We gather today to observe the most important and oldest festival of the Christian Church, <u>Easter</u>.

On Easter Day we celebrate with joy as we remember the first Easter when <u>Jesus rose from the dead</u>.

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God, so loved, the world. That he gave, his one and only Son. That whosoever believes in him, will not perish but have everlasting life.

#### DEATH WHERE IS YOUR STING?

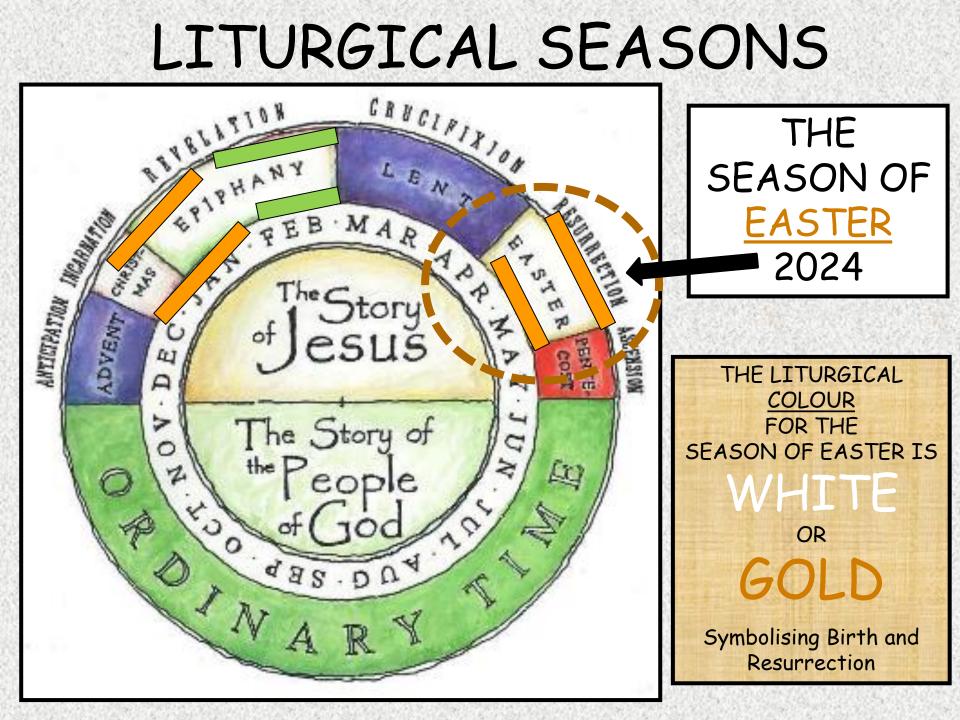


### Our college journey through the Season of Lent <u>ends</u> today.



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ENDING ON THE GREAT FEAST OF <u>PENTECOST</u>, THE BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH



# WE LISTEN

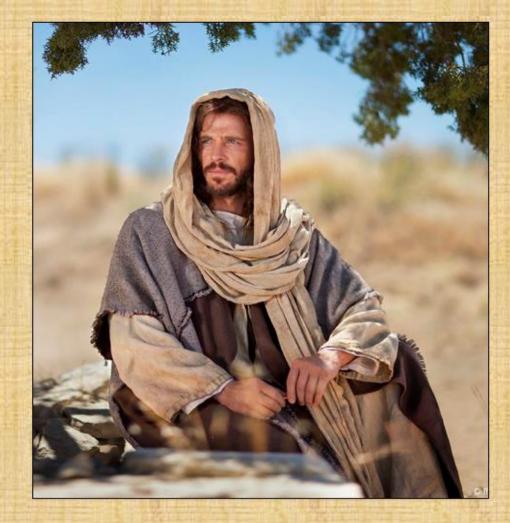


<u>Jesus conquered death</u> and ever since the cross has become a sign of hope, new life for all who would believe.

In this service today, we are going to follow the events of the last few hours of Jesus' life culminating in his glorious <u>resurrection on that First Easter Day</u>.

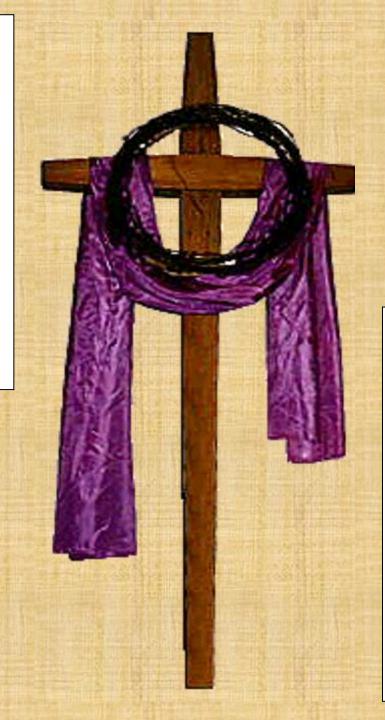
## EASTER JOY

Jesus came to earth, to show us how to live. How to put others first, how to love and how to give.



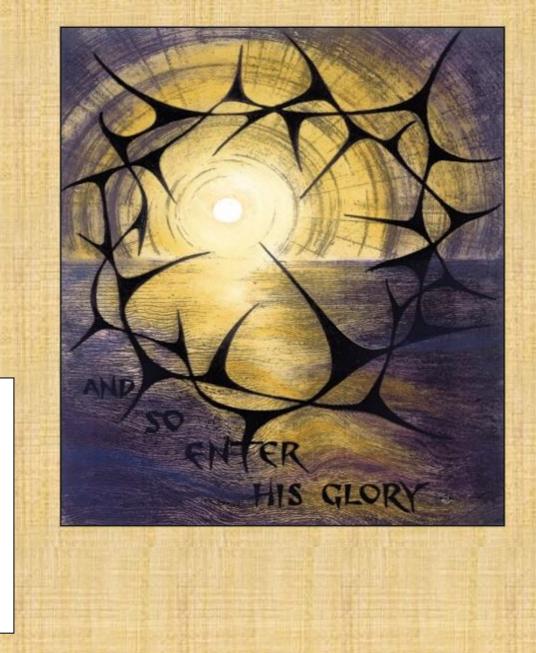
Then He set about His work, that God sent Him to do; He took our punishment on Himself; He made us clean and new. He could have saved Himself, calling angels from above.

But He chose to pay our price for sin; He paid it out of love.



Our Lord died on Good Friday, but the cross did not destroy, His resurrection on Easter morn, that fills our hearts with joy. Now we know our earthly death, like His, is just a rest. We'll be forever with Him in heaven, where life is best.

So we live our lives for Jesus, think of Him in all we do. Thank you Saviour; thank you Lord, help us love like you!



# He has risen, Alebrate Easter!

## SING ALLELUIA TO THE LORD!







Holy Week is the week that changed the world

It began on Palm Sunday with Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem and culminated the following Sunday with his glorious resurrection.

<u>Death's doors could not hold Jesus!</u>

# SUNDAY PAL

#### JESUS ENTERS JERUSALEM

## HE IS RISEN

## EASTER DAY



# WE RESPOND



During the events of <u>Holy Week</u>, Jesus encountered many people.

Each of them, in their own way, had a special relationship with Jesus.

We will now be introduced to some of these people who were <u>with Jesus at that First Easter</u>...

#### THE FIRST EASTER - I WAS THERE!

#### MARY, MOTHER OF JESUS

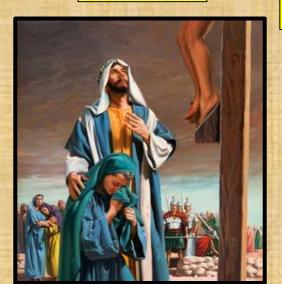


PETER

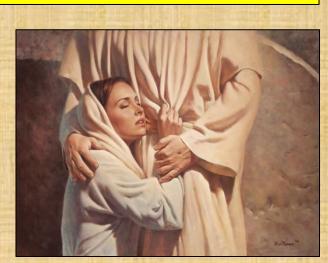




#### ROMAN CENTURION



JOHN



MARY MAGDALENE

Were you <u>there</u>, were you there? <u>Who</u> are you, who are you?

What did you <u>see</u>, what did you <u>hear</u>? What did you <u>say</u>, what did you <u>do</u>?

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<u>Hi, I'm Peter</u>, one of Jesus' best friends.

## PETER

I was there the first Easter, which started so horribly and ended so wonderfully.

One thing that I remember is that after Jesus was arrested, I was very frightened, and when people asked me if I was one of Jesus' friends, I lied three times and said that I didn't know him and had never met him.



Even worse, was the fact that Jesus had told me I would do this, and I said, "no way, Lord, I'd even die for you".

I am very ashamed about this, but Jesus forgave me and asked me to start his church, which I did.



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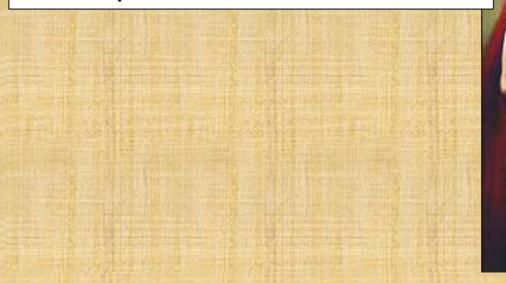
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#### **ROMAN CENTURION**

#### Hi, I'm a Roman Centurion,

I was there on duty when Jesus was crucified.

I've been at many crucifixions, but none have ever touched me the way this one did.





Jesus was so different. He even asked his God to forgive us for what we have done to him and then I knew that he really was the Son of God and I wanted to believe him too.



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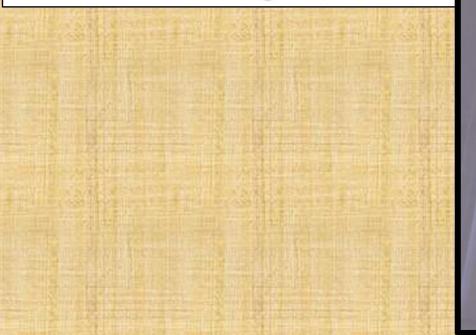
### MARY, MOTHER OF JESUS

Hi, I'm Mary, Jesus' mother, so of course I was there.

It was terrible for me to see him suffering on that cross.

I would willingly have suffered the pain for him if I could, because that's how we mothers feel about

our sons and daughters.





From the moment they are born,

we just want them to be happy and healthy.

I knew that Jesus was special because he was God's son, and I had a feeling he would have to go through great pain before he returned to God.



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#### JOHN

<u>Hi, I'm John</u> and I was one of Jesus' best friends too.

I was there with Mary when Jesus was on the cross and Jesus told me to look after his Mum, and of course, I said I would.

That was just like Jesus, always thinking of others, even when he was dying.





I was also there with Peter on the first Easter Sunday.

We went to the tomb in the garden

where Jesus' body was put,

we found it empty,

and we remembered that Jesus had said he would come back from the dead on the third day, so we rushed off to tell the others.

Were you <u>there</u>, were you there? <u>Who</u> are you, who are you?

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#### MARY MAGDALENE

Hi, I'm <u>Mary Magdalene</u>,

I was one of a group of women who followed Jesus.

He was the most wonderful person you could ever meet; he made me feel I was someone special at a time when I was not feeling good about myself.



After he died on the cross, I felt as through my life had finished too. I went to the garden and Jesus himself appeared to me.



So, I was the <u>first person</u> to see him alive and to tell all his friends that <u>HE WAS ALIVE!</u>



<u>We were there</u>, we were there, We saw Jesus crucified. We were there, we were there, when Jesus <u>came alive</u>. So, we can be joyful, we can all say,

## HAPPY EASTER

JESUS IS <u>ALIVE</u> TODAY!



# WE GO FORTH



We adore you O Christ and we bless you.

By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Before the mystery of the death of our Lord Jesus on the cross we fall silent.

Only adoration remains.

We know that whatever suffering we have to undergo in this world, we are held in the hands of God. His cross is ours.

Lord God, our Father, we thank you.

Amen.



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