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# Easter Day

## 10.30am at WESLEY WORSHIP

Liturgist Rev Dr Sarah Agnew | Preacher: Rev Dr Ockert Meyer  
Conductor & Organist: Brendon Lukin  
Organist and John Perrin Memorial Keyboard Scholar: Jonathan Lee  
Andrew del Riccio – Trumpet/conductor  
Wesley Scholars: Sam Jenkin (Violin) and Dominic Lukin (Bass)

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### The Gathering of God's People

*we gather in silence*

#### Introit

Since by man death, by man came also the  
resurrection of the dead.  
For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be  
made alive.

Text: 1 Cor 15: 21-22

Music: from "Messiah" – George Frederick Handel (1685-1759)

#### Call to Worship (John 20:1-18)

**Hymns 370** Christ the lord is risen today  
& **517** Hallelujah, sing to Jesus

**Greeting** May the peace and joy of the risen Christ be with you all  
**And also with you**

#### Welcome and news

**Prayer of Praise:** 'Rejoice'

**Prayer of Confession:** 'It is true'

*responses:*

we don't believe it : **it is true!**

we don't believe you : **it is true!**

we won't listen : **it is true!**

we trust our own eyes only : **it is true!**

**Hymn 382** Now the green blade rises

**Lighting of the candle**

# The Service of the Word

## Bible Readings

Gospel:

Luke 24:1-12

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## Anthem

“The Easter Song of Praise”

Sing choirs of heaven! Let saints and angels sing!  
Around God’s throne exult in harmony!  
Now Jesus Christ is risen from the grave!  
Salute your king in glorious symphony.

Sing choirs of earth! Behold your light has come!  
The glory of the Lord shine radiantly,  
Lift up your hearts, for Christ has conquered death!  
The night is past the day of life is here!

Sing church of God! Exalt with joy outpoured.  
The gospel trumpets tell of vict’ry won!  
Your Saviour lives: he’s with you evermore!  
Let all God’s people shout the long Amen. Amen.

Text and Music: Richard Shephard (b.1949-)

Second Reading:

Isaiah 65:17-25

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Your Word, O Lord, is a lamp to my feet  
**and a light to my path.**

(Reader: Alistair Christie)

## Preaching

### Hymn

Open to invitation: now, abundant life!

Yours be the glory, risen dauntless Love:  
open the invitation, now: abundant life.  
Angels again were with you, rolled the stone away,  
you, set free from death to show us all the Way.

*Yours be the glory, risen dauntless Love:  
open the invitation, now: abundant life!*

See there the women, faithful in loving care,  
open to invitation, mystery and awe they shared.  
Peter again ran headlong, rushed to see the grave,  
all the beloved disciples saw and were amazed!

### Refrain

Glorious creation, shout and sing: rejoice!  
God is recreating, calling out with joy;  
former things shall not bring weeping and distress,  
for the invitation reaches out to bless!

*Refrain*

Here, now, we praise you, Wisdom and Word of God,  
come to live among us, teach and show us Love.  
Let your church with gladness, sing our Maker's song,  
open to invitation, in the Spirit, one.

*Refrain*

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music: Maccabaeus adapted from GF Handel (TiS 380)

## **Our Response to God's Word**

### **Easter prayers from and for the world**

Stand among us, risen Christ Jesus: **bring peace to us again.**

... show us life enduring anew.

Stand among us, risen Christ Jesus: **bring joy to us again.**

... whisper your promise again.

Stand among us, risen Christ Jesus: **bring hope to us again.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

### **Offering and Dedication**

#### **Interlude**

Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr  
(Alone to God be the Highest in Glory) BWV 675

J.S. Bach (1685 – 1750)

#### **Hymn 155**

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder

### **Commissioning and Blessing**

#### **Postlude**

Sinfonia in D Major (G8)

Guiseppe Torelli (1658-1709)

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*Flowers today arranged by Jan Tarbotton.*

*Prayers from praythetory.blogspot.com*

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