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His  
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### Call to Worship

Thomas said:

**“Unless I see the mark of the nails  
and put my hand in his side,  
I will not believe.”**

We are often sceptical people,  
driven by our senses,  
relying on that which we can hear,  
see or prove.

**Our Lord asks us to see the invisible,  
to trust in the spirit, to have faith.  
Lord, give us faith!**

Sometimes we get carried away by our  
emotions, by wishful thinking  
and by popular trends that pull us in.  
**Lord, help us to be bold in our beliefs,  
but also careful as Thomas was.  
Move us beyond mere trust  
in ordinary things  
and open our eyes to spiritual realities.**

Jesus said: “Blessed are those who have  
not seen and yet have come to believe.”

### Opening Prayer

The night has passed, and the day lies  
open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

***Silence is kept.***

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for you; now  
and for ever.

**All: Amen**

### Confession

In baptism we died with Christ,  
so that as Christ was raised from the dead,  
we might walk in newness of life.  
Let us receive new life in him as we  
confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**All: Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you  
with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours  
as ourselves.  
In your mercy  
forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
Amen.**

### Absolution

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.

**All: Amen.**

### Reflection

**Be Still and Know that I am God  
Ps 46:10**

### Reading

***John 20:19 - end***

*At end of reading:*

This is the Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

## Sermon

## A Creed

**All:** We believe in the God  
of Easter morning  
Who awakes us from our  
darkest dreams  
And leads us into the light of a new day,  
Who meets our pessimism  
with stunning hope  
of angelic proclamation.

We believe in the God of Easter Day  
Who beats us to the obstacles  
in our lives  
and empties the dark tomb for us;  
Who appears in surprising ways  
when we least expect it;  
walking with us  
on our detours.

We believe in the God of Easter evening  
Who breaks into our closets  
and prisons,  
Bringing peace and crushing our fear.

We believe in the Risen Lord  
who meets us  
with wounds on his hands and feet;  
who grants us his spirit,  
sending us out  
to bring Shalom to the world.  
Amen.

## Prayers Intercessions

*The response:*  
Lord in your mercy  
**All: Hear our prayer**

## The Collect

Risen Christ,  
for whom no door is locked,  
no entrance barred:  
open the doors of our hearts,  
that we may seek the good of others  
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice  
and peace,  
to the praise of God, the Father.  
**All: Amen**

## The Lord's Prayer Our Father, who art in heaven...

## Hymn

This joyful Eastertide  
away with sin and sorrow!  
My love, the crucified,  
hath sprung to life this morrow.  
*Had Christ, who once was slain,  
ne'er burst his three-day prison,  
our faith had been in vain.  
But now hath Christ arisen,  
arisen, arisen, arisen.*

My flesh in hope shall rest  
and for a season slumber  
till trumpets east to west  
shall wake the dead in number. [Refrain]

Death's flood hath lost its chill  
since Jesus crossed the river.  
Lover of souls, from ill  
my passing soul deliver. [Refrain]

## Notices

## Blessing

May you trust in God's promises to his  
people: peace, security, blessing  
even when they are difficult to believe.

May you know that God's news is good  
news, nourishing, true  
even when people tell you it is not.

And when you encounter doubt,  
may He strengthen your belief  
guiding you in his perfect wisdom and  
counsel.

Any the Blessing of God Almighty.....