



# ***The Free North Church Inverness***

*a congregation of the Free Church of Scotland*

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## **A GUIDE TO EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP**

**11 am – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

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**This is a guide to our Easter Sunday morning service which is available online on the Free North YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjxeX18IKP4grKdqWEt2dgw>**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 118:22-24)**

Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Hallelujah!

The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;  
the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Hallelujah!

### **WELCOME AND PRAYER**

#### **PSALM 100 (Scottish Psalter)**

All people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing to the LORD with cheerful voice.  
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell,  
Come ye before him and rejoice.

Know that the LORD is God indeed;  
Without our aid he did us make:  
We are his flock, he doth us feed,  
And for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,  
Approach with joy his courts unto:  
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,  
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? the LORD our God is good,  
His mercy is for ever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood,  
And shall from age to age endure.

**READING: LUKE 24:1-5 (read by Seumas MacIver)**

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. **2** They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, **3** but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. **4** While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. **5** In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead?”

**A PRAYER FROM THE NEW CITY CATECHISM**

Maker of Heaven and Earth, make the startling claims of our faith come alive to us.  
Let us not divorce theological truth from the history of your salvation, which occurred in time and space.  
Let us not waiver in unbelief, but rest our lives upon the truth that you raise the dead. Amen.

**HYMN: CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY**

Christ, the Lord, is risen today!  
*Hallelujah!*  
All creation join to say:  
*Hallelujah!*  
Raise your joys and triumphs high;  
*Hallelujah!*  
Sing, you heavens, and earth reply:  
*Hallelujah!*

Love's redeeming work is done!  
Fought the fight, the battle won;  
Vain the stone, the watch, the seal:  
Christ has burst the gates of hell.  
  
Lives again our glorious King;  
where, O death, is now your sting?  
Once he died, our souls to save;  
where's your victory, boasting grave?

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**SERMON – JOHN 1:6-13: WHAT GOD SENDS YOU THIS EASTER**

6 There was a man sent from God whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. 8 He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. 9 The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognise him. 11 He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. 12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God – 13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

1). GOD SENT A MAN NAMED JOHN.

2). THE MAN GOD SENT WAS VERY GREAT.

3). GOD SENT AN EVEN GREATER LIGHT THAN JOHN.

Everyone responds to the light of Christ by either hiding in the darkness or by welcoming the light.

Easter calls you to the empty tomb, so that you may stand in the light of Christ.

What is your response to the Light of the world?

**PRAYER OF RESPONSE**

## SONG OF THE MONTH: "CHRIST OUR HOPE IN LIFE & DEATH."

You can find an official video version sung by Matt Papa at:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oibli1rz7mw>

What is our hope in life and death?  
Christ alone, Christ alone.  
What is our only confidence?  
That our souls to Him belong.

Who holds our days within His hand?  
What comes, apart from His command?  
And what will keep us to the end?  
The love of Christ, in which we stand.

*O sing hallelujah!  
Our hope springs eternal  
O sing hallelujah!  
Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul?  
God is good, God is good.  
Where is His grace and goodness known?  
In our great Redeemer's blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise?  
Who stands above the stormy trial?  
Who sends the waves that bring us night  
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

*O sing hallelujah!  
Our hope springs eternal.  
O sing hallelujah!  
Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death.*

Unto the grave, what will we sing?  
"Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"  
And what reward will heaven bring?  
Everlasting life with Him.

There we will rise to meet the Lord.  
Then sin and death will be destroyed.  
And we will feast in endless joy  
When Christ is ours forevermore.

*O sing hallelujah!  
Our hope springs eternal.  
O sing hallelujah!  
Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death.  
O sing hallelujah!  
Our hope springs eternal;  
O sing hallelujah!  
Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death.  
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Christ our hope in life and death*

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## BENEDICTION

## DIARY THIS WEEK

The Deacons and Elders will meet online via Zoom on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> April, at 7.30 pm.

On Wednesday evening, 15<sup>th</sup> April 2020, we hope to offer small **Group Bible Study** via Zoom, based on the Home Groups which usually meet once a month to study the book of Daniel. Please look out for an email and any news on the church website.

Contact Martin MacLean ([office@freenorthchurch.org](mailto:office@freenorthchurch.org)) if you wish to receive regular updates from the Free North Church.