**“Easter Morning”**

**Call to Worship**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

**praise God all creatures here below**

for on this day of joy and gladness

**Christ is risen from death and sadness!**

Praise with hands and voices singing

**praise with verse and music ringing**

Christ the Lord is risen today

**He is Truth, Life, and Way!**

**Hymn Christ the Lord is Risen Today**

'Christ, the Lord, is risen today!’ Alleluia!

All creation join to say: Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!

Sing, you heavens, and earth reply: Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done!

Fought the fight, the battle won:

Lo, our Sun's eclipse is o’er,

Lo, he sets in blood no more!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal:

Christ hath burst the gates of hell;

death in vain forbids him rise

Christ has opened paradise:

Lives again our glorious King;

Where, O death, is now thy sting?

Dying once, he all doth save;

where's thy vict’ry, boasting grave?

Soar we now where Christ hath led,

following our exalted Head;

made like him, like him we rise;

ours the cross, the grave, the skies:

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!

Praise to thee by both be given;

Thee we greet triumphant now,

Hail, the Resurrection Thou!

Charles Wesley

**Prayers**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Readings Alison McQueen**

**Isaiah 25.6-9**

**Mark 16.1-8**

**Reflection**

**Hymn This joyful Eastertide**

This joyful Eastertide away with sin and sorrow!

My Love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow.

*Come, share our Easter joy that death could not imprison,*

*nor any power destroy our Christ, who is arisen!*

No work for him is vain, no faith in him mistaken,

for Easter makes it plain his kingdom is not shaken:

*Refrain*

Then put your trust in Christ, in waking or in sleeping:

his grace on earth sufficed; he'll never quit his keeping:

*Refrain*

GR Woodward

**Intercessions** Seb Cheer

**Musical Introduction to Communion- The Lord of All**

Prayer of response

**We have eaten the bread of heaven at your table, Lord.**

**In the sharing of this meal, you transform us**

**so that we can see with Jesus’ eyes,**

**hear with Jesus’ ears, speak with Jesus’ mouth;**

**so that we can be the body of Christ in the world,**

**proclaiming the good news of God's reign.**

**In our sharing and our living we proclaim, Christ is risen. Amen.**

**Hymn Now the Green blade rises**

Now the green blade rises, from the buried grain,

Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;

Love lives again, that with the dead has been:

Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

In the grave they laid him, Love whom we had slain,

Thinking that he would never wake again,

Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:

Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,

He that for three days in the grave had lain;

Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:

Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,

Then your touch can call us back to life again,

Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:

Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

J. M. C. Crum

**Benediction**

**The Grace**