

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, on this Easter morning we adore you. We praise you for the good news of the resurrection, for the way it spread first to the disciples and now to us.

Help us to hear it afresh today as though we were those first disciples. Help us to understand the difference it made to them and to their lives.

And help us, today and always, to live as resurrection people and as people who tell good news to those around us.

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

for the times when we have failed to live as Easter people, forgive us. For the times when we have doubted the good news, forgive us

For the times when we have acted as though there was no good news, forgive us

For this morning, above all mornings, we claim for ourselves Jesus' promise, that in him our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

“Christ is risen!”

“He is risen indeed!”

We repeat our Easter shouts of
surprise and joy
again and again,
for news of your victory
over powers of death and evil
is news so startling
so amazing
so different from the news that bombards us day by day.

Beyond our comprehension
You startle us again and again
with resurrection Life,
bringing grace and hope and joy.

You, in your risen power,
are shaping all our days,
and so we praise you,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen**

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Risen Lord,
today we are blessed
with the message of hope
found in the story of your resurrection.
Today the alleluias continue to echo
in our ears and our minds,
returning to our vocabulary
after our journey through Lent.
But as we sit here crying out 'Alleluia'
with smiles and eggs and daffodils
we bring before you
those who are still calling out 'Maranatha';
those around the world who endure
and continue to endure
pain and persecution.
Those in our community
who are sad and suffering.
Lord,
love conquers all.
Not even death
could hold you in its grasp.
May love conquer once more...
Charge us,
inspire us
and move us
to bring love to this world,
to bring hope to this world,
to reveal you, the Risen Christ,
in this world.
So be it.
Amen.

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