

The Sunrise Service

A fire is lit as we gather around..

Christ yesterday and today,
the beginning and the end,
Alpha and Omega,
all time belongs to him,
and all ages;
to him be glory and power,
through every age and for ever. Amen.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
Your steadfast love extends to the heavens
and your faithfulness never ceases.
Illuminate our hearts with your wisdom
and strengthen our lives with your word,
for you are the fountain of life;
in your light we see true light.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
All **Blessed be God for ever.**

*A reading from the Old Testament, the crossing of the Red Sea
from Exodus 14.*

This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life. Throughout the world Christians celebrate the awesome power of God. As we hear his word and proclaim all that God has done, we can be confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him for ever.

The Easter Candle is lit..

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

**Eternal God,
who made this most holy night
to shine with the brightness of your one true light,
set us aflame with the fire of your love,
and bring us to the radiance of your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Exsultet

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!
O Universe, dance around God's throne!
Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!
Sound the victorious trumpet of salvation!

Rejoice, O earth, in glory, revealing the splendour of your
creation,
radiant in the brightness of your triumphant King!
Christ has conquered! Now his life and glory fill you!
Darkness vanishes for ever!

Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory!
The risen Saviour, our Lord of life, shines upon you!
Let all God's people sing and shout for joy.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

*This might be followed by shouting, drums, clapping, party
poppers, confetti and the use of other items of celebration.*

Gloria in Excelsis

**Gloria, Gloria,
In excelsis Deo,
Gloria, Gloria,
In excelsis Deo.**

Lord God, heavenly King,
Peace you bring to us;
We worship you, we give you thanks,
We sing our song of praise.

Jesus, Saviour of all,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away our sins, O Lord,
Have mercy on us all.

**Gloria, Gloria,
In excelsis Deo,
Gloria, Gloria,
In excelsis Deo.**

At the Father's right hand,
Lord, receive our prayer,
For you alone are the Holy One,
And you alone are Lord.

Glory, Father and Son,
Glory, Holy Spirit,
To you we raise our hands up high,
We glorify your name.

**Gloria, Gloria,
In excelsis Deo,
Gloria, Gloria,
In excelsis Deo.**

Collect for Easter

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The resurrection Gospel for the day is read - Matthew 28.1-10

The Closing Benediction. "St. Columba's Prayer"

**My dearest Lord, be a bright flame before
me; be a guiding star above me; be a smooth
path beneath me; be a kindly shepherd behind
me; today and for evermore. Amen.**

All our problems
we send to the cross of Christ.

All our difficulties
we send to the cross of Christ.

All the devil's works
we send to the cross of Christ.

All our hopes
we set on the risen Christ;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.