Easter Morning Sunrise Service,

Christchurch, Stannington

Alleluia! Christ is Risen

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Eternal God who made this most holy dawn 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 Paschal candle or alternative is lit*

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

The Light of Christ

**Thanks be to God**

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

In his great mercy He has given us a new birth and a living hope by raising Jesus from the dead, and by the promise of a heavenly inheritance which can never be spoilt or soiled or wither away. Trusting in Him we obtain the salvation of our souls and rejoice with unutterable and exalted joy. To him be glory now and for evermore. **Amen.**

**Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;**

**break forth, O mountains, into singing!**

**For the Lord has comforted his people,**

**and will have compassion on his suffering ones. Isaiah 49.13**

*Collect*: Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

*New Testament reading: Acts 10:34-43*

Hear the Gospel of Luke 24 1-12

**Glory to Christ our Saviour**

*Reading*

*Lights from your home from home may be lit*

This is the gospel of Christ

**Praise to Christ our Lord**

We give you thanks and praise for the gospel we have received. Christ died for our sins: Alleluia!

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Death comes to all through Adam and sin reigns for a time.

New life comes through Christ and he reigns forever: Alleluia!

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Death where is your victory?

Death where is your sting?

Death is swallowed up in victory-the victory you give us in Christ: Alleluia!

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

We have been crucified with Christ, and live his risen life,

To praise you forever with angels and archangels:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

**Heaven and Earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest**

**But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead,**

**the first fruits of those who have died.**

**For since death came through a human being,**

**the resurrection of the dead has also come through a**

**human being. 1 Corinthians 15.20,21**

*Intercessions:*

In joy and hope let us pray to the Father.

That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his

glorious and life-giving resurrection…

we pray to the Father. **Hear our prayer.**

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter …

we pray to the Father. **Hear our prayer.**

That God may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love …

we pray to the Father. **Hear our prayer.**

That he may provide for those who lack food, work or shelter …

we pray to the Father. **Hear our prayer.**

That by his power war and famine may cease through all the world …

we pray to the Father. **Hear our prayer.**

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak and the dying, to comfort and strengthen them …

we pray to the Father. **Hear our prayer.**

That, according to his promises, all who have died in the faith of the resurrection may be raised on the last day …

we pray to the Father. **Hear our prayer.**

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people,

so that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection,

we pray to the Father. **Hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, you have delivered us from the power of darkness

and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:grant that, as his death has recalled us to life, so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**\*\*\*\* Please remember no physical contact during the peace \*\*\*\***

The risen Lord greeted his disciples saying “Peace be with you”, and their sorrow was transformed into joy. The peace of the Lord be always with you

**And also with you**

**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1.3**

Go in the joy and peace of the risen Christ to love and serve the Lord

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**