



DUNBARNEY AND FORGANDENNY PARISH CHURCH

SUNDAY WORSHIP – 7TH APRIL 2024

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We warmly welcome you to our congregation and extend Christian greetings to you. You enter this church, not as a stranger but as a guest of God and as a friend of those who have gathered here today. So come into God's presence with joy in your heart and thanks on your lips and offer God your love and service.

Prayer of Preparation

Risen Saviour, though we have not seen the empty tomb and the folded grave-clothes or your physical presence among us, yet we believe, for we have tasted your love, experienced your power, known you deep within us through your Holy Spirit bringing joy, peace and fullness of life. So we come today to bring our worship, to express our gratitude, to acknowledge you in praise, wonder and adoration, as our Lord and our God. Amen

Welcome & Church News Call to Worship



Hymn 416 – Christ is alive Let Christian sing

Prayer

Hymn 198 - Let us build a house where love can dwell (omit vs. 4)

Bible Readings: John 20: 19-23 &
Acts 4: 32-35

How did Resurrection change *them*?

Hymn 430 – Christ has risen while earth slumbers

[Tune: "Blaenwern" - No. 468]

Bible Reading: 1 John 1: 1-5

How has Resurrection changed *us*?

Hymn 527 – Lord, make us servants of your peace

Offering & Prayer for Others

Hymn 421 – Our Lord Christ hath risen!

Benediction

Our Mission Statement: To be a place of Christian worship and outreach and a hub for the community enabling people to connect with Jesus and one another.
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CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 133)

How very good and pleasant it is
when we live together in unity!

Like the blessing of anointing oil
**may God's blessing upon us
spill over that we might know
your presence.**

As the dew falls on Hermon and
the mountains of Zion,
**so may the grace of God reveal
truth and justice, love and life
for evermore.**

Let us, with saints across the
generations, worship the
resurrected Lord.

Hymn 416

**Christ is alive! Let Christians
sing.**

The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises
ring.

Love, drowned in death, shall never
die.

2. Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching every place and time.

3. In every insult, rift, and war,
where colour, scorn, or wealth
divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the
more,
and lives, where even hope has
died.

4. Women and men, in age and
youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the
truth,

revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

5. Christ is alive, and comes to
bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and
praise.

Hymn 198

**Let us build a house where
love can dwell**

and all can safely live, a place
where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive;
built of hopes and dreams and
visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end
divisions:

*All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.*

2. Let us build a house where
prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to
seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as
witness
and as symbol of God's grace; here
as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

3. Let us build a house where love
is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground,
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through
Jesus,
is revealed in time and space,

as we share in Christ the feast that
frees us:

4. Let us build a house where all
are named,
their songs and visions heard and
loved
and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and
laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to
rafter:

Hymn 430

Christ has risen while earth slumbers,

Christ has risen where hope died,
as he said and as he promised,
as we doubted and denied.
Let the moon embrace the
blessing;
let the sun sustain the cheer;
let the world confirm the rumour.
Christ is risen, God is here!

2. Christ has risen for the people
whom he loved and died to save;
Christ has risen for the women
bringing flowers to grace his grave.
Christ has risen for disciples
huddled in an upstairs room.
He whose word inspired creation
is not silenced by the tomb.

3. Christ has risen, and for ever
lives to challenge, and to change
all whose lives are messed or
mangled,
all who find religion strange.
Christ is risen. Christ is present,
making us what he has been —
evidence of transformation

in which God is known and seen.

Hymn 527

Lord, make us servants of your peace:

where there is hate, may we sow
love;
where there is hurt, may we
forgive;
where there is strife, may we make
one.

2. Where all is doubt, may we sow
faith;
where all is gloom, may we sow
hope;
where all is night, may we sow
light;
where all is tears, may we sow joy.

3. Jesus, our Lord, may we not
seek
to be consoled, but to console,
nor look to understanding hearts,
but look for hearts to understand.

4. May we not look for love's
return,
but seek to love unselfishly,
for in our giving we receive,
and in forgiving are forgiven.

5. Dying, we live, and are reborn
through death's dark night to
endless day;
Lord, make us servants of your
peace
to wake at last in heaven's light.

Hymn 421

Our Lord Christ hath risen! The tempter is foiled;

his legions are scattered, his
strongholds are spoiled.

Oh, sing hallelujah, oh, sing
hallelujah,
oh, sing hallelujah! Be joyful and
sing,
our great foe is baffled — Christ
Jesus is King!

2. O death, we defy thee! A
stronger than thou
hath entered thy palace; we fear
thee not now!
Oh, sing hallelujah, oh, sing
hallelujah,
oh, sing hallelujah! Be joyful and
sing,
death cannot affright us — Christ
Jesus is King!

3. O sin, thou art vanquished, thy
long reign is o'er;

though still thou dost vex us, we
dread thee no more.
Oh, sing hallelujah, oh, sing
hallelujah,
oh, sing hallelujah! Be joyful and
sing,
who now can condemn us? —
Christ Jesus is King!

4. Our Lord Christ hath risen! Day
breaketh at last;
the long night of weeping is now
well-nigh past.
Oh, sing hallelujah, oh, sing
hallelujah,
oh, sing hallelujah! Be joyful and
sing,
our foes are all conquered — Christ
Jesus is King!

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PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE WEEK: END-OF-LIFE MATTERS

Dear God, on this 75th anniversary of the World Health Organisation we ask You to equip health workers responding to public health challenges in the neediest areas. We especially pray for Christian medical missions as they reach out with Your love and truth. Amen.

Father, please draw near to people with failing health, and strengthen all those who care for them. We pray they will be treated with compassion as they near their lives' natural end and able to die in peace and above all, to turn to You in faith. Amen.

Lord our Comforter, thank You for the expertise and compassion of those working in palliative care settings: specialist hospital wards, hospices and in the community. We pray for there to be enough resources made available in every corner of the country. Amen.

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