

## Simple Worship 'Together' Over a Meal (and Video Link!) for Easter Day

*Instructions in italics*

Leaders' words in normal type

### **Light (Thanks)**

*One person lights a match and lights a candle saying:*

'We light this candle to remember that Jesus is the light of the world.'

On Saturday everything was so quiet.

On Sunday, it was the women who had the courage to go to the tomb just to be close to Jesus. They wanted to remember even if it was sad. When they came to the tomb they found that the stone had been rolled away, and the tomb was empty. They were frightened.

One of the women went to ask where his body had gone, She thought she had found the gardener, but then she saw it was Jesus. Jesus had died on the cross, but somehow he had risen from the dead and was still with them, as he is with us. His light shines in us and in our world today.

*In turn each person offers something they would like to thank God for from the day/week  
(if you have tea lights each person may like to light one from the central candle as they share)*

*End this round by giving thanks for the meal.*

### **Water (Lament/Confession)**

*Each person receives a glass of water poured from a jug:*

Jesus said 'Whoever drinks the water I give will never thirst' (John 4:13)

*In turn each person shares something of the brokenness and thirst they have seen or experienced that day/week, in the world or in themselves.*

Jesus said "Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life"

*You may like to hold a short time of silence in which you are invited to remember Jesus' gift of life and forgiveness for the whole world. When you are ready drink some water.*

### **Bread (God's word)**

*As the food is served read:*

'Jesus said 'People don't live by bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God' (Matt 4: 4)

*Food is now served and we eat! When you are ready, read the story above once more or the passage from John 20 11-18 and use the following questions to discuss the story/passage together:*

- *What does the story tell me about God?*
- *What does the story mean for us and for me?*
- *How am I going to respond to what I've discovered?*

**Zoom** link at 1.30pm to connect with others. We will take 45 mins

*In this time we will:*

**Listen** to the Easter story, read by Paul and Hilary

**Share** from each household:

- *The cross you have decorated.*
- *Something you have discovered about the Easter story today.*

**Pray** a simple prayer together using hand gestures....

“Your kingdom come, your will be done”

1. *With raised hands*
2. *With hands on heart*
3. *With palms face up on lap.*

**Sing** *Thine Be the Glory*

*During the final chorus you might like to place your hand on the shoulder of the person next to you and sing this as an Easter blessing of life and hope over them*

1. Thine be the glory,  
Risen, conqu'ring Son;  
Endless is the victory,  
Thou o'er death hast won;  
Angels in bright raiment  
Rolled the stone away,  
Kept the folded grave clothes  
Where Thy body lay.

3. No more we doubt Thee  
Glorious Prince of life;  
Life is naught without Thee;  
Aid us in our strife;  
Make us more than conquerors,  
Through Thy deathless love:  
Bring us safe through Jordan  
To Thy home above.

Thine be the glory risen conquering Son  
Endless is the victory, Thou o'er death hast won

2. Lo! Jesus meets us,  
Risen from the tomb;  
Lovingly He greets us,  
Scatters fear and gloom;  
Let the church with gladness,  
Hymns of triumph sing;  
For her Lord now liveth,  
Death hath lost its sting.

Thine be the glory risen conquering Son  
Endless is the victory, Thou o'er death hast won.