

 St Matthews **BRISTOL**

 He is
RISEN

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

The angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said.' (Matthew 28.5, 6)

Welcome & Introduction

All-Age time

Confession

Jesus Christ, risen master and triumphant Lord,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,
and not by the power of your resurrection.
In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
as faithless and not believing.
In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone
and doubted our home in heaven.
In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

Absolution

May the God of love and power
forgive *us* and free *us* from *our* sins,
heal and strengthen *us* by his Spirit,
and raise *us* to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Bible Reading

Reflection

Affirmation of faith

Let us declare our faith
in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name;
Your kingdom come
Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now
and forever.
Amen.**

Closing Prayer

God of our salvation,
you have restored us to life,
you have brought us back again into your love
by the triumphant death and resurrection of Christ.
Continue to heal us,
as we go to live and work
in the power of your Spirit,
to your praise and glory.

The Blessing

May Christ,
who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future,
fill us with his new life;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among us and remain with us always.
Amen

The Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia Amen.