

Lent Cross - Easter Day

Bible Reading Galatians chapter 2 verse 20

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live,
but Christ lives in me.

The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God,
who loved me and gave himself for me.

On this resurrection day we transform the Lenten cross of suffering
into the glory of new life in Christ.

The symbols are removed in turn:

We remove from the cross the bag of money.
Jesus has purchased our salvation.

We remove from the cross the towel and the bowl.
Jesus is the servant King.

We remove from the cross the cup of suffering.
Jesus took up our pain and bore our suffering.

We remove from the cross the whip.
By his wounds we are healed.

We remove from the cross the crown of thorns.
Jesus now wears the crown of glory.

We remove from the cross the palm branches.
We lift them high to welcome the risen Lord.

We remove from the cross the nails.
Death could not pin him down.

Jesus has been transformed from death to life.
We shall follow where he has led.

Prayer on screen:

Let us pray.

We come to worship the risen Lord.

**We come with our strengths and our weaknesses,
Our confidence and our uncertainty,
Our laughter and our tears,
Our hopes and our disappointments.
We come alone, and we come together**

For the risen Christ calls us to be his friends,
his disciples and his witnesses.

With joy we proclaim:

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

Responsive prayer of praise and thanks

Let us pray.

Alleluia! Christ is risen

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

We praise you Lord Jesus our risen King

You are worthy of our praise

We praise you Lord Jesus for your love

Thank you for the cross

The victory is won

You wash away our sins

The sting of death is gone

You bring us new life

You call us by name

You are with us always

Thank you Lord Jesus.

Amen.

Prayers & Lord's Prayer

Let us pray.

Living Lord Jesus

Come and meet us, alive and risen

Where there is fighting

Change war to peace

Where there is sorrow

Change sadness to joy

Where there is pain

Change hurting to healing

Where there is poverty

Change emptiness to fullness

Where there is greed

Change selfishness to sharing

Where there is death

Change night to day

Living Lord Jesus

Change us to be like you

Amen.

Followed by The Lord's Prayer

Prayer of response

Let us pray

From the dark tomb into the light

Jesus we will follow you

From doubt to faith

Jesus we will follow you

Into a world in need

Jesus we will follow you

Changed, to make a change

Jesus we will follow you

Ready to go where you lead us

Jesus we will follow you

From earth to heaven

Jesus we will follow you

The Blessing

Risen Lord, we follow you into this new week,
Guide our feet into ways of peace,
Guide our hands to care for others,
Guide our hearts to love our neighbours.
Show us the way that leads to life.
God bless you this Easter Day and always.
Amen.