

Easter Sunrise 2025

A Calling To Mind

We will begin, not with a Call to Worship, but with a Calling to Mind...

Call to mind someone you love. Close your eyes and imagine; the shape of their eyes, the curve of their smile, the sound of their laughter ...

Call to mind ... the way they smell, the way they feel - and the look they give you that says 'I've had enough' ...

One hundred trillion cells, seven million years of evolution, forty weeks of gestation, years of love and lessons and laughter - tears too no doubt - have gone into that person you brought to mind who holds your heart - what a wonder.

Think on it ...

And now, think on this:

The planet holds over 7 billion souls - every single one a unique one-off-never-to-be-repeated-ever creation: the creative imagination of the divine is reflected in every face. The Spirit of God is in every first and last answer in-between breath.

So give thanks to the Sacred Mother of creation, the Great Father of the kingdom, our brother Jesus of our being.

Prayer

St Francis' canticle of the sun (abridged)

Most high, all powerful, all good Lord!
All praise is yours, all glory, all honour, and all blessing.
To you, alone, Most High, do they belong.
No mortal lips are worthy to pronounce your name.
Be praised, my Lord, through all your creatures,
especially through my lord Brother Sun,
who brings the day; and you give light through him.
And he is beautiful and radiant in all his splendour!
Of you, Most High, he bears the likeness.
Be praised, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars;
in the heavens you have made them, precious and beautiful.
Be praised, my Lord, through Brothers Wind and Air,
and clouds and storms, and all the weather,
through which you give your creatures sustenance.
Be praised, My Lord, through Sister Water;
she is very useful, and humble, and precious, and pure.
Be praised, my Lord, through Brother Fire,
through whom you brighten the night.
He is beautiful and cheerful, and powerful and strong ...

The Resurrection

John 20.1-18 *Common English Bible ©2011 the Common English Bible*

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. 2 So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' 3 Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. 4 The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, 7 and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. 8 Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and saw and believed; 9 for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. 10 Then the disciples returned to their homes.

11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; 12 and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. 13 They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' 14 When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' 16 Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). 17 Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' 18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Meditation On The Words Of Jesus

featuring One World by Cold Play

My peace I give to you.

I call you my friend.

You will shine like the sun.

Abide in my love.

Ask and it will be given you.

Follow me.

Seek and you will find.

I am the way for you.

Knock and the door will be opened to you.

I am the life for you.

I will give you rest.

You are the light of the world.

You are my witness.

Give and it will be given to you.

I am with you always.

Abide in me and I in you.

Do not be afraid.

Love others as I have loved you.

A Sign Of Peace

The risen Jesus stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you':
Let us offer one another a sign of that peace.

Closing Responses

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All shall be well, the seasons echo in their passing.

All shall be well, the birds promise in their migration.

All shall be well, the young promise in their growing.

All shall be well, the old promise in their contentment.

All shall be well, the sunset promises in its splendour.

All shall be well, the storms promise in their moisture.

All shall be well, the Christ promises in his rising.

All shall be well!

Easter Breakfast

Move into the gym for the Easter breakfast.