

## 'An Easter Carol' by Christina Rossetti

Spring bursts to-day,  
For Christ is risen and all the earth's at play.

Flash forth, thou Sun,  
The rain is over and gone, its work is done.

Winter is past,  
Sweet Spring is come at last, is come at last.

Bud, Fig and Vine,  
Bud, Olive, fat with fruit and oil and wine.

Break forth this morn  
In roses, thou but yesterday a Thorn.

Uplift thy head,  
O pure white Lily through the Winter dead.

Beside your dams  
Leap and rejoice, you merry-making Lambs.

All Herds and Flocks  
Rejoice, all Beasts of thickets and of rocks.

Sing, Creatures, sing,  
Angels and Men and Birds and everything.

All notes of Doves

Fill all our  
is the time



world: this  
of loves.

Easter Sunday

5th April 2026

**GATHERING HYMN:** 'Jesus Christ is Risen Today' (339)

### COLLECT:

Lord of all life and power,  
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son  
overcame the old order of sin and death  
to make all things new in him:  
grant that we, being dead to sin  
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,  
may reign with him in glory;  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be praise and honour, glory and might,  
now and in all eternity. **Amen**



### FIRST READING

**Jeremiah 31.1-6**

At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel,  
and they shall be my people.

Thus says the Lord:

The people who survived the sword  
found grace in the wilderness;

when Israel sought for rest,  
the Lord appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love;  
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel!

Again you shall take your tambourines,

and go forth in the dance of the merry-makers.

Again you shall plant vineyards

on the mountains of Samaria;

the planters shall plant,

and shall enjoy the fruit.

For there shall be a day when sentinels will call

in the hill country of Ephraim:

'Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God.'

For the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## SECOND READING

**Acts 10.34–43**

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

For the word of the Lord

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**GRADUAL HYMN—** 'Now the Green Blade Riseth' (466)

**We sing verse 4 after the Gospel Reading**

## GOSPEL

**Matthew 28: 1-10**

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But 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. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and

worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

**OFFERTORY HYMN:** 'This Joyful Eastertide' (667)

## COMMUNION HYMNS:

'The Day of Resurrection' - (623)

'My Jesus, My Saviour' (425)

'In the Garden Mary Lingers' (321)

'See What a Morning' (Sing Praise 80)

## POST COMMUNION

God of Life,  
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son  
to the death of the cross,  
and by his glorious resurrection  
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:  
grant us so to die daily to sin,  
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**FINAL HYMN:** 'Thine Be the Glory' (660)

