

It is the Lord, in the stable,  
in the humble,  
in the stranger,  
in the poor.

It is the Lord, risen and returned  
alive forever more,  
giving me new life,  
saving me in strife,  
It is the Lord. p24.

David Adam explores how we are to live because:

### **Jesus lives**

In light defeating darkness  
In wisdom conquering foolishness  
In trust overcoming fearfulness  
Jesus Lives

In strength coming to weakness  
In health rescuing from sickness  
In hope saving from despair  
Jesus Lives

In love victorious over hatred,  
In forgiveness dispelling anger  
In glory dispersing drabness  
Jesus lives

In joy growing from sorrow,  
In life rising from death,  
In God giving the victory,  
Jesus Lives

He holds the keys of love  
of peace  
He holds the keys of life  
of death  
He holds the keys of heaven  
of earth  
He holds the keys of now  
of eternity. p108

## The Resurrection of Jesus

### **Mark 16: 1-8 NRSV**

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup> And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup> They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup> When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup> As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup> But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup> But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup> So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

### **John 20:1-18 NRSV**

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. <sup>2</sup> 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." <sup>3</sup> Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup> The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup> and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup> Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup> for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples returned to their homes.

## Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

<sup>11</sup> But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look<sup>[a]</sup> into the tomb; <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> 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." <sup>14</sup> When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" 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." <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew,<sup>[b]</sup> "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup> 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.'" <sup>18</sup> 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.

Both Gospel accounts record the fact that Jesus is not dead but alive.

Here are some prayers from David Adam. He writes modern prayers in the Celtic tradition and I have used prayers from his book *Tides and Seasons* SPCL 1989. You may already be familiar with his work. I invite you to use these prayers at times when you can linger over each one. Just one a day so you can savour the wonder and joy of new life in the Risen Christ.

### **You are risen**

You are risen  
Let the trumpets proclaim.

You are risen  
Let sun brightly flame

You are risen  
Dark night is past.

You are risen  
Hope will now last

You are risen  
Let us not dread

You are risen  
Back from the dead.

You are risen  
Lord of the skies,  
You are risen  
Help us to rise. *p132*

Mary Magdalene announces: **I have seen the Lord.**

Where the mist rises from the sea,  
Where the waves creep upon the shore,  
Where the wrack lifts upon the strand  
I have seen the Lord

Where the sun awakens the day,  
Where the roads winds on its way,  
Where the fields are sweet with hay,  
I have seen the Lord.

Where the stars shine in the sky.  
Where the streets so peaceful lie,  
Where the darkness is so nigh,  
I have seen the Lord.

The Lord is here,  
The Lord is there  
The Lord is everywhere.  
The Lord is high  
The Lord is low,  
The Lord is on the path I go. *p28*

Other Gospel witness proclaim: **It is the Lord**

It is the Lord, in the dawning  
in the renewal  
in the arrival  
in the new day.

It is the Lord, in the crowd,  
in the church,  
in the conversation,  
in the crisis.

It is the Lord, in our joys,  
in our sorrows,  
in our sickness,  
in our health.