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Beyond Exile: A service to celebrate a return to public worship

As we look towards returning to public worship, we have produced this resource for you to consider as means of celebration. We are aware that churches will look to return to worship in many different and creative ways, as well as at different timescales and in different circumstances. This liturgy is intended for a time when people are able to celebrate a return to public worship together. It may be some time before the whole congregation is able to gather, and local churches are likely to make different decisions about when to mark this with a service of celebration. **It can therefore be adapted to suit your local situation.** This is particularly important as you try to balance this against any current restrictions and guidance. Congregations should not feel obliged to include something which concerns them or does not suit their current arrangements for reopening their church buildings.

Notes for planning this service

Preaching Notes

Liturgy

Service Sheets

These short acts of worship have been produced for you if you are unable to attend church. If you are well enough why not spend a few moments with God, knowing that other people are sharing this act of worship with you?

If you have members of your church or community who aren't online, you might want to consider printing the services sheets and other resources from our website and posting them on. You can buy stamps online. Royal Mail has advice on its service during the pandemic if you have any questions or concerns: www.royalmail.com/coronavirus

If you are printing and distributing these Acts of Worship please add your church's CCLI number and add the songs to your annual report.

The Methodist Church
Ministries: Vocations & Worship

Sunday 12th April 2020 – Charity Hamilton

This short act of **Easter worship** has been produced for you if you are unable to attend church. If you are well enough why not spend a few moments with God, knowing that other people are sharing this act of worship with you.

Call to Worship: Christ is risen, he is risen indeed alleluia!

Hymn: Christ the Lord is Risen today (Singing the Faith 294)

Sing/ Read /pray /proclaim the words or listen to this version by Maddy Prior & the Carnival Band here
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=30t48N3m0ic>

Let us pray together

Resurrection God, you offer life overcoming death, love overcoming emptiness, light overcoming darkness.

I give you thanks for the hundred small and powerful ways I experience resurrection every day.

Thank you for Jesus, who shows us how to live as a resurrection people, living defiant and in resistance to death.

For those times when I have failed to challenge the things of death, the political systems, relationships, selfish desires, I'm sorry.

For those times when I have failed to resist death and ignored your call to live the life I am gifted, I'm sorry.

I trust that you forgive me, I hear your forgiveness intertwined with your call to me

to live the life I am gifted, and I trust that you are merciful in all ways. Amen.

Read Today's Gospel Reading: John 20:1-18

Time to Reflect

Take a moment to think about:

The Easter story is one that is familiar to us, we know it so well but how do we live it? How do we live as resurrection, Easter Day people, the whole year round?

We are surrounded by death, and we are called to live as resurrection, Easter day people in the midst of death, how is that possible? How do we do that?

Easter isn't just "happy". Easter is much more powerful than happiness. Easter isn't safe. Saying "Alleluia" isn't a passing pleasure. Easter is the big shout of protest to all that is death. Easter is a defiant act against all that has tried to suppress life.

Easter is black Americans chanting "I can't breathe" whilst those with white privilege often become deaf. Still they chant attempting to dispel death. That is Easter, it's angry.

Easter is a young journalist from Northern Ireland, shot dead by terrorists but whose message of inclusion for the LGBTQ+ community continues to echo after her death. That is Easter, it is passionate.

Worship from home service sheet for Sunday 12 July (Pdf version)

Worship from home service sheet for Sunday 12 July(Word doc)

LARGE PRINT VERSION Worship from home service sheet for Sunday 12 July (Pdf version)

Worship from home service sheet for Sunday 19 July (Pdf version)

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If you are willing to draft a similar act of worship please email Gabriella Mahadeva mahadevag@methodistchurch.org.uk who will send you guidelines and allocate you a particular Sunday.

Roots

During the pandemic ROOTS is offering **free** resources to use at home every week on the ROOTS website. See www.rootsontheweb.com/

Live-streamed services

Worship services

We hope the four options below will offer some breadth from our tradition.

We are working in collaboration with:

Methodist Central Hall Westminster

Sundays 11.00

<https://mchw.live>

Wesley's Chapel London who will live-stream from the chapel (the Minister lives on the premises)

Sundays 11am

www.youtube.com/channel/UCUAUqhmhevz5sqhh72LIMxA

Swan Bank Methodist Church in Burslem, this worship will be studio based – with strict distancing rules being followed

Sundays 10:30

www.youtube.com/user/SwanBank and www.facebook.com/swanbank/

Sthie ('At home')

To join in a very different worship experience, try Sthie ('At home') from the Isle of Man (see image of Peel Hill, right, by Andy Fishburne). Join in live on Sundays by joining a Facebook group. For details see www.andyfishburne.com/2020/03/15/sthie-at-home-online-worship/

You can watch previous live-streamed videos at www.youtube.com/andyfishburne



Morning Prayers

08:30 Monday-Friday - from Wesley House Cambridge:

www.facebook.com/wesleycambridge. Resources for following the prayers and readings are available at: www.wesley.cam.ac.uk/prayer-space/ (No live-stream from 29 June to 10 July. The live-stream will resume from Monday 13 July with a new pattern of Morning Prayer on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 8.30am.)

10:00 Monday-Friday - from

Wesley's Chapel London: www.youtube.com/channel/UCUAUqhmhevz5sqhh72LIMxA

Information about doing your own live-streaming and sharing resources

[Copyright guidance for remote worship](#)

Live-streaming

NB: Any live-streaming should comply with the present guidance.

Sunday worship live-streams are [available above](#).

The Church of England has produced a [comprehensive guide to livestreaming](#).

Also see our own Methodist suggestions for making [livestreaming more interactive](#), and other ways of meeting up online.

In addition, [CCLI](#) now provides a new [Live-streaming licence](#).

An alternative option is to stream the speaking part of your service and send the



An alternative option is to stream the speaking part of your service, and send the congregation the hymns/songs beforehand to listen to themselves using StF+ or Youtube links (see [Copyright guidance for remote worship](#)).

Prayers for the dying, the bereaved, and for when you can't get to a funeral

When someone is nearing the end of their life, usually a Methodist Minister would offer to pray with them and their families. Similarly the minister may offer prayers for the family after the death of a loved one. With current restrictions in place, this may not be possible. Therefore we are providing materials adapted from the Methodist Worship Book that you can use in your own location.

See [**Prayers for the dying, the bereaved and those who cannot attend a funeral**](#)

Resources for personal prayer and Bible study

From the Methodist Church in Britain

[**Daily Prayers from the Methodist Prayer Handbook**](#)

[**A Word in Time daily Bible Study**](#)

Take Time produced by Reigate Methodist Church has many themed meditations on topics such as anxiety www.taketime.org.uk

Other Resources

Pray As You Go are producing a daily retreat for people socially isolating:
www.pray-as-you-go.org/retreat/pray-as-you-stay

An act of Spiritual Communion

In these days of social distancing and self-isolation, many Methodists feel the lack of being able to share communion as normal. In this short act of worship, we pray that God's purposes may be fulfilled in us, even though we cannot at this time gather at the Lord's Table. See [**An Act of Spiritual Communion**](#) (Pdf)

A Methodist Love Feast

Here's a way we can connect with each other by connecting with an old Methodist tradition. The Faith and Order Committee has produced [**a Methodist Love Feast resource**](#), alongside guidance on how it can be adapted for online use at the time of coronavirus.

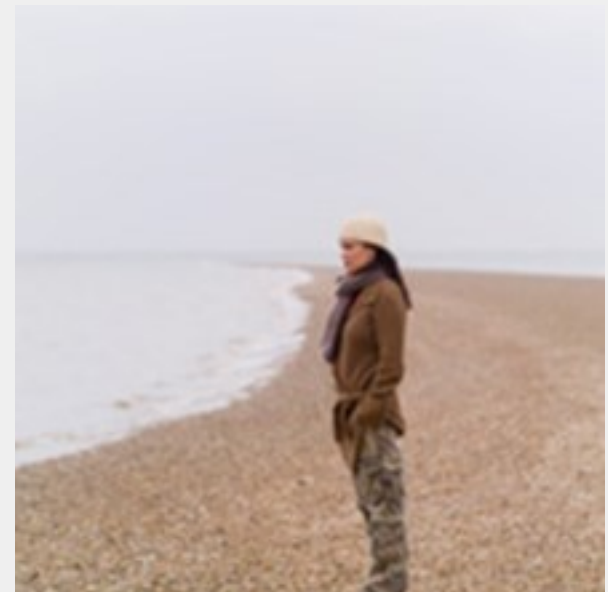


Additional worship resources

From Andrew Brown, a hymn for when we feel vulnerable - revised in light of the Coronavirus pandemic: [When life is shaken to its core](#) (StF+ website only)

We are also pleased to have published Tony Law's text, written in reponse to the pandemic: [A prayer in time of crisis](#) ("Lord God, creator, life of all we do").

Alternative hymns and songs for worship "that you probably haven't heard of") at resound.worship.org



A beautiful hymn from the Iona Community that has touched a chord with many during these times is "We will meet" by Hans-Olav Moerk and John Bell. A video (to listen) and PDF of the music are available on the [Iona Community home page](#) (scroll down), together with Hans-Olav's account of the writing of the original words. Special copyright arrangements for the current circumstances are explained there too.

Prolific Methodist hymn writer [Andrew Pratt](#) has written a number of responses to the Coronavirus pandemic, including "This sudden Sabbath gives us pause", "The care of all we seek or see" and (most recently) "Where is the care for the silent care-giver?". You can find

seek or see" and (most recently) "Where is the care for the silent care-giver?". You can find them on Andrew's blog at <https://hymnsandbooks.blog/category/hymns/> Many of you also find the hymns of Carolyn Winfrey Gillette helpful. She, too, has written a hymn "for these strange times", expressing the desire that we "may we cherish those around us as we never have before". Available on Carolyn's website at: [https://www.carolynshymns.com/when we face an unknown future.html](https://www.carolynshymns.com/when_we_face_an_unknown_future.html)

Our friends at **Family Friendly Churches** are offering, free of charge, weekly prayers, address and a couple of hymns as videos (with words and music) for use within the home. These can be found at: www.ffctideas.org.uk/Corona.php

The Worship Cloud are producing a free weekly sheet as well as making our Local Arrangement services freely available: www.theworshipcloud.com/terms/free-weekly-resource

A Virtual Church Choir

The National Methodist Choir want to provide all singers from all denominations, and all corners of the globe, an opportunity to come together and worship God with our voices.

See www.nmcgb.org/ for details of how to get involved.

Posters to display outside your church or home

[Download posters to print out](#)

Hymn Calendar

Hymns for Sunday worship

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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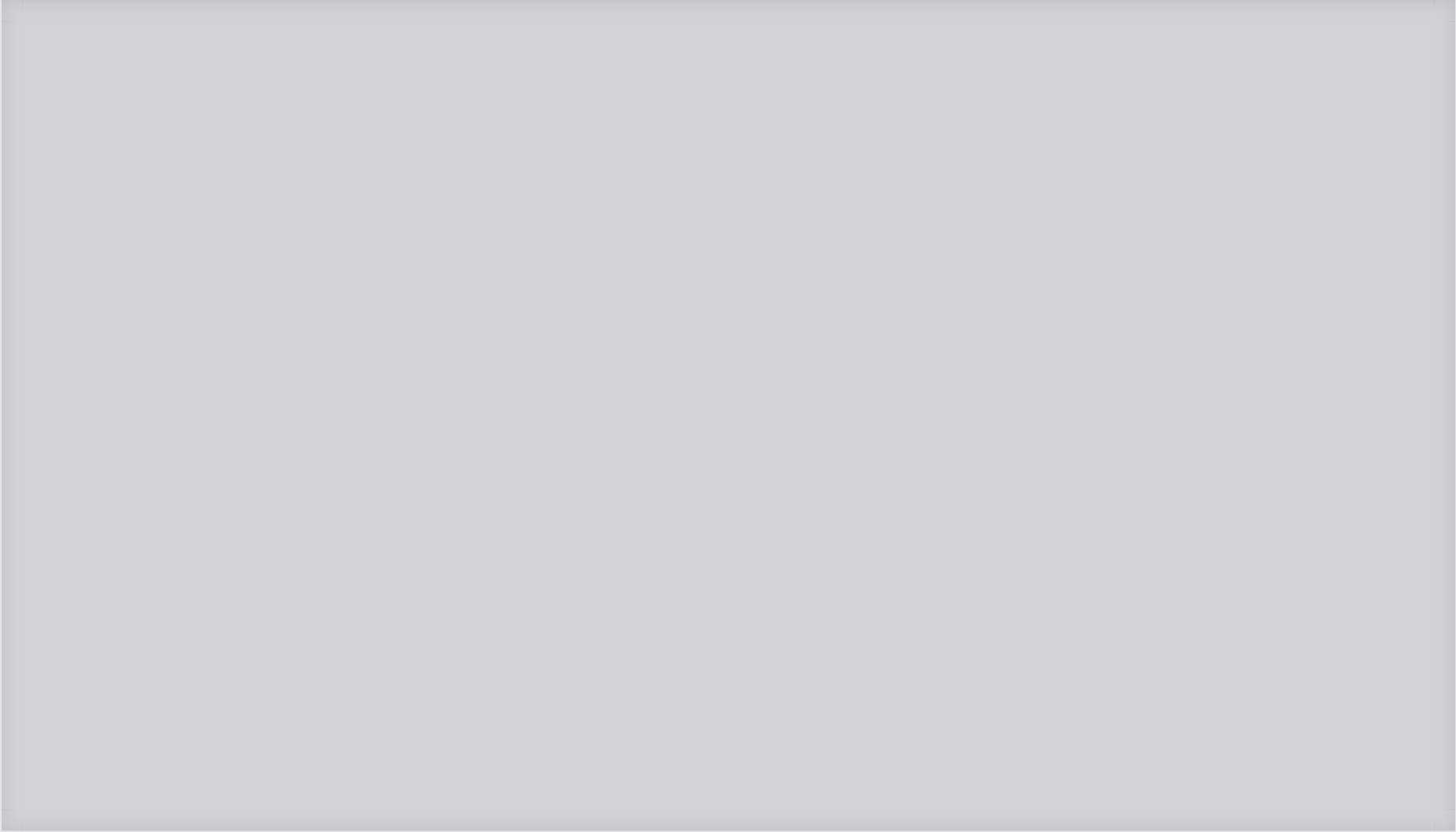
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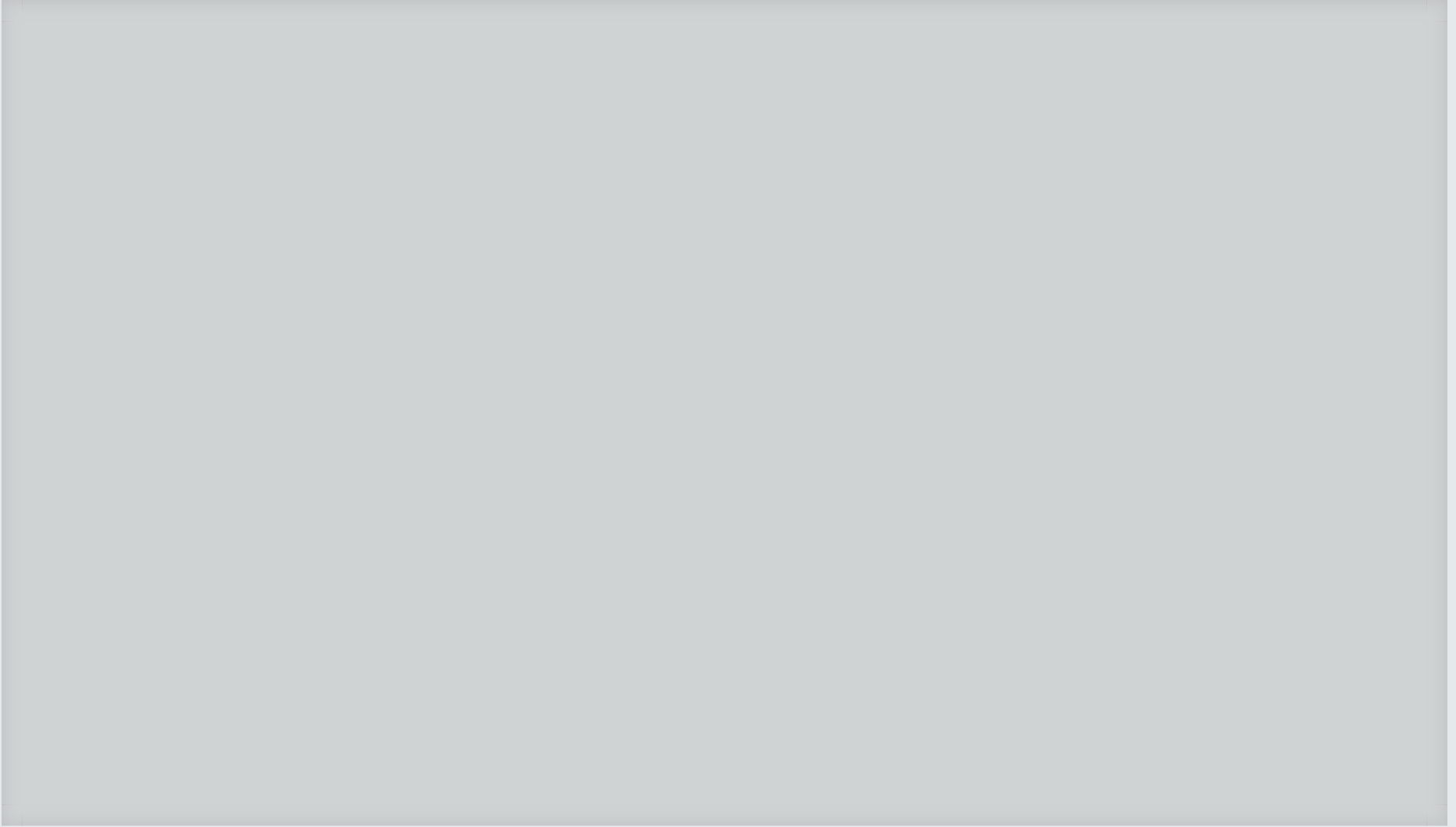
Events



Are you singing the faith?

Find out about events near you - and tell us about others

The hymn book



All the editions

Introducing the family of Singing the Faith resources and how to buy them