

# ECC Bochum Digital Worship

English-speaking Christian Congregation

4 April 2021  
Easter Sunday

Zoom access: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81484653256?pwd=ZFFHV25JSmcS1M2SVVNNkcwc091QT09>  
(Click the link to enter. The Zoom worship meeting will open at ca. 12:15 Central European Time on Sunday.)

**PRELUDE:** "The trumpet shall sound" George Frideric Handel (1685-1759), Messiah

**Watchword for the Week** (Moravian Daily Texts 2021)  
But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits  
of those who have died. (1 Corinthians 15:20)

**WELCOME & OPENING RESPONSES** (responses in bold-face italics)

Jesus was dead, laid in a tomb.

***Hallelujah! Christ is risen!***

Morning has broken, the tomb is now empty.

***Hallelujah! Christ is risen!***

A new day has come, life is not undone.

***Hallelujah! Christ is risen!***

Come and worship, the Lord is here!

***Hallelujah! Christ is risen!***

**HYMN** *Christ the Lord is risen today!* (Church Hymnary 411) [Tune: Lyra Davidica]

- 1 Christ the Lord is risen today, *Alleluia!*  
Sons of men and angels say: *Alleluia!*  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, *Alleluia!*  
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply: *Alleluia!*
- 2 Lives again our glorious King, *Alleluia!*  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? *Alleluia!*  
Dying once, He all doth save, *Alleluia!*  
Where thy victory, O grave? *Alleluia!*
- 3 Love's redeeming work is done, *Alleluia!*  
Fought the fight, the battle won, *Alleluia!*

Death in vain forbids him rise, *Alleluia!*

Christ has opened paradise, *Alleluia!*

- 4 Soar we now where Christ has led, *Alleluia!*  
Following our exalted Head, *Alleluia!*  
Made like Him, like Him we rise, *Alleluia!*  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, *Alleluia!*

## OPENING PRAYER & SHARING GOD'S PEACE

## CHILDREN'S TIME

### SCRIPTURE READING John 20:1-18 (GNB New Testament, page 144)

Early on Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been taken away from the entrance. <sup>2</sup> She went running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

<sup>3</sup> Then Peter and the other disciple went to the tomb. <sup>4</sup> The two of them were running, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent over and saw the linen cloths, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Behind him came Simon Peter, and he went straight into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there <sup>7</sup> and the cloth which had been around Jesus' head. It was not lying with the linen cloths but was rolled up by itself. <sup>8</sup> Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in; he saw and believed. (<sup>9</sup> They still did not understand the scripture which said that he must rise from death.) <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples went back home.

<sup>11</sup> Mary stood crying outside the tomb. While she was still crying, she bent over and looked in the tomb <sup>12</sup> and saw two angels there dressed in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup> "Woman, why are you crying?" they asked her.

She answered, "They have taken my Lord away, and I do not know where they have put him!"

<sup>14</sup> Then she turned around and saw Jesus standing there; but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> "Woman, why are you crying?" Jesus asked her. "Who is it that you are looking for?"

She thought he was the gardener, so she said to him, "If you took him away, sir, tell me where you have put him, and I will go and get him."

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Mary!"

She turned toward him and said in Hebrew, "Rabboni!" (This means "Teacher.")

<sup>17</sup> “Do not hold on to me,” Jesus told her, “because I have not yet gone back up to the Father. But go to my brothers and tell them that I am returning to him who is my Father and their Father, my God and their God.”

<sup>18</sup> So Mary Magdalene went and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord and related to them what he had told her.

**RESPONSE** The word of God: ***Thanks be to God!***

**HYMN** *The day of resurrection!* (Church Hymnary 413) [verses 1+3]

- 1 The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;  
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God!  
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,  
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.
- 3 Now let the heavens be joyful and earth her song begin,  
the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein;  
let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,  
for Christ the Lord has risen, our Joy that has no end.

**INTRODUCING NAGALAND** some background information

**REFLECTION** Revd Dr. Elungkiebe Zeliang (Zeme Baptist Church, Nagaland, North India)

**HYMN** *This joyful Eastertide* (Church Hymnary 415)

- 1 This joyful Eastertide,  
away with sin and sorrow.  
My Love, the Crucified,  
has sprung to life this morrow:  
*Had Christ, who once was slain,  
not burst his three-day prison,  
our faith had been in vain,  
But Christ has now arisen,  
arisen, arisen, arisen!*
- 2 My flesh in hope shall rest,  
and for a season slumber:  
till trump from east to west  
shall wake the dead in number:
- 3 Death's flood has lost its chill,  
since Jesus crossed the river:  
Lover of souls, from ill  
may passing soul deliver:

**PRAYERS FOR OTHERS**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Please pray in your preferred language / version.)

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.***

**HYMN** *Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son* (Church Hymnary 419)

- 1 Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;  
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes, where the body lay.  
*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*
- 2 Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for her Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.
- 3 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;  
life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

**BLESSING** (spoken together)

***The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, evermore. Amen.***

**POSTLUDE:** "Hallelujah Chorus"

## NOTICES

Welcome to our digital English-language worship from Bochum, Germany, on the digital platform Zoom! We go live every Sunday at ca. 12:15 hrs CET for a 12:30 hrs start. Meeting ID: **814 8465 3256**, Passcode: **947371**.

- For **data protection** reasons, please don't record any part of worship. Hymn and reflection videos will be posted for viewing on the ECC website (ecc-bochum.de).
- **Today's worship team** are Manuela Theile (Reader), Elungkiebe Zeliang, Zeme Baptist Church, Nagaland, North India (Reflection), Jimmy Brown (Liturgy).
- **Volunteer as a reader** for Sunday worship. There are still gaps between now and May: [https://doodle.com/poll/8iznq2f2fzgw9cin?utm\\_source=poll&utm\\_medium=link](https://doodle.com/poll/8iznq2f2fzgw9cin?utm_source=poll&utm_medium=link)
- A new **online Bible study** *Sing and Study* exploring popular hymns starts **Tuesday 13 April** at 19:00 hrs. Zoom Meeting ID: 882 1296 9022, Passcode: 051157  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88212969022?pwd=TWxWM3UrSkd5YzF0QIM1UWd3T3k5QT09>
- **Reading the Bible together** through 2021, supported in a Zoom group. Contact Sebastian Stüwe on 0176 76496321 or sebastian.stuwe(at)mailbox.org
- **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week: Balkans (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia and Slovenia):  
<https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/prayer-cycle/the-balkans-albania-bosnia-and-herzegovina-croatia-kosovo-montenegro-north-macedonia-serbia-slovenia>
- **Online worship resources** by various churches, including the UCC, the Church of Scotland and others, are on our website at: <http://ecc-bochum.de/online-resources/>

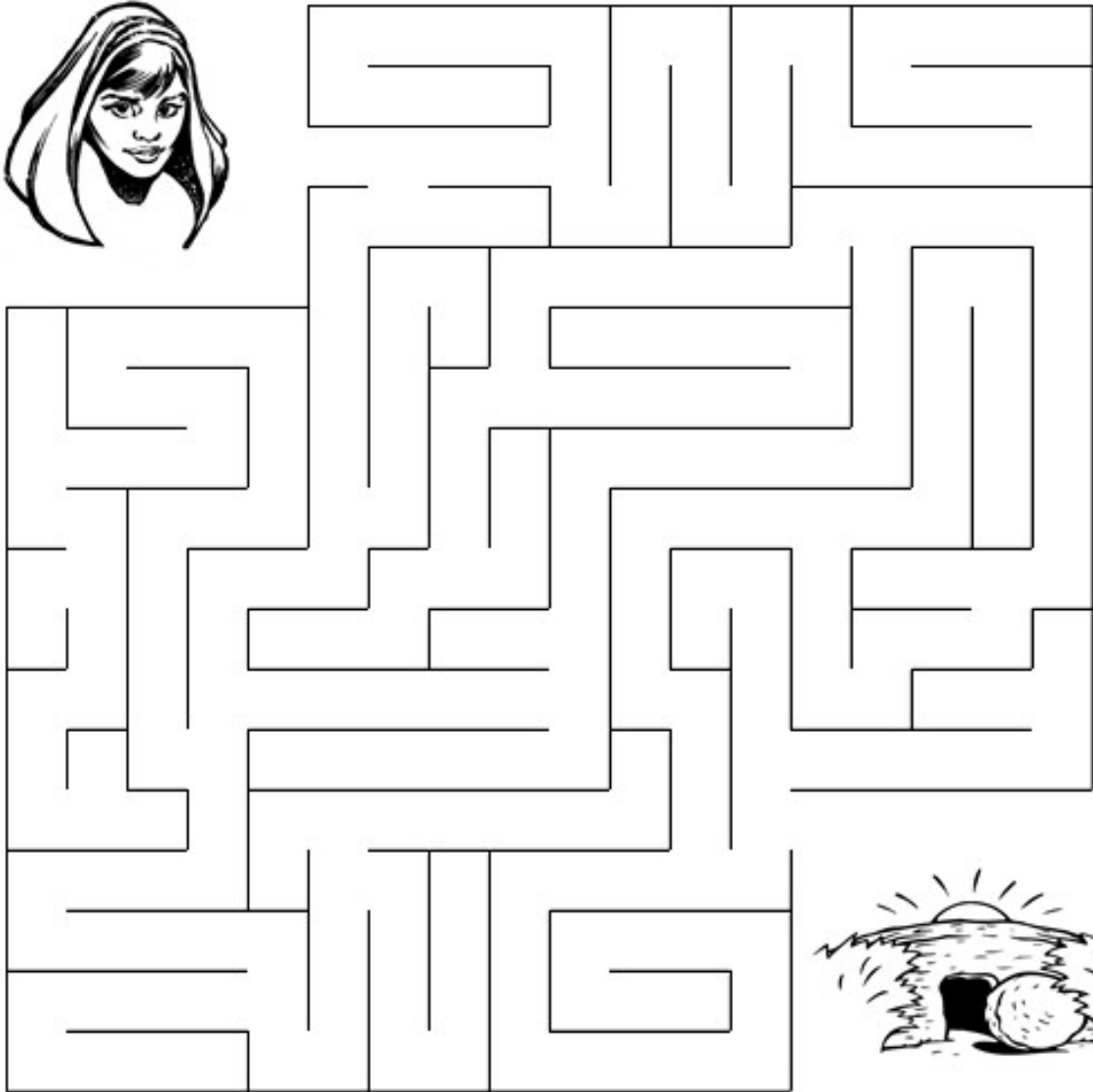


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## The Resurrection Maze

Can you help Mary find the way to the empty tomb?



Bible memory Verse:

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!"  
John 20:18 (NIV Bible)

More children's resources at: <https://sermons4kids.com/>