

**St. Augustine's  
EASTER  
Family Service  
27 March 2005**

IN THE UPPER ROOM

*We hope that you will all take part in the parts labelled "ALL", saying to one another the words on the programme, or similar words, when the WHEN events happen.*

*Please stand for the hymn*

Alleluia, alleluia !

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*Please sit.*

On the first Easter morning, just before sunrise

> > > **WHEN Mary knocks at the door –**

*Thomas* Who's there ? Ssh – we don't want the officials to hear us.  
Anything could happen.

*Cleopas's Friend* It can't be the women back yet. They've hardly had time to get to the tomb.

*ALL to one* Sh, we don't want people to know we're here.  
*another :* Do you think it's the soldiers ?  
I'm afraid !  
So'm I.  
Shhh....

*silence*

> > > **WHEN Mary has come in –**

*ALL to one* Is the door locked ?  
*another :* Quick, lock the door !

Mary, Peter, and John go to the empty tomb

*Please stand for the Hymn*

Low in the grave He lay

1. Low in the grave He lay,  
Jesus, my Saviour,  
Waiting the coming day,  
Jesus, my Lord:

*Chorus*

*Up from the grave He arose,  
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes;  
He arose a victor from the dark domain,  
And He lives for ever with His saints to  
reign;  
He arose ! He arose !  
Alleluia ! Christ arose !*

Please sit

2. Vainly they watch His bed,  
Jesus my Saviour;  
Vainly they seal the dead,  
Jesus, my Lord:

*Chorus*

3. Death cannot keep His prey,  
Jesus, my Saviour;  
He tore the bars away,  
Jesus, my Lord:

*Chorus*

Peter and John return from the empty tomb

> > > **WHEN they have come in –**

*ALL to one* Is the door locked ?  
*another :* Quick, lock the door !

> > > **WHEN Peter and John light two of the altar candles –**

*Peter and John* We believe that Jesus is risen !  
*Narrator* Jesus is risen !  
*ALL* Jesus is risen, indeed !

> > > **WHEN Mary comes in again –**

*ALL to one* Is the door locked ?  
*another :* Quick, lock the door !

Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene

John Chapter 20 verses 11 - 18; page 1200 of the church Bibles

*Reader* This is the Word of the Lord  
*ALL* Thanks be to God

> > > **WHEN Mary lights a candle on the altar –**

*Mary* I believe that Jesus is risen !  
*Narrator* Jesus is risen !  
*ALL* Jesus is risen, indeed !

> > > **WHEN Thomas has gone out –**

*ALL to one* Is the door locked ?  
*another :* Quick, lock the door !

> > > **WHEN Cleopas and Friend have gone out –**

*ALL to one* Is the door locked ?  
*another :* Quick, lock the door !

*Please stand for the hymn*

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia !

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia !  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia !  
Who did once upon the Cross, Alleluia !  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia !
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia !  
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia !  
Who endured the Cross and grave, Alleluia !  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia !
3. But the pains that He endured, Alleluia !  
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia !  
Now above the sky Hes King, Alleluia !  
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia !

*Please sit*

> > > **WHEN Cleopas and friend return and knock at the door –**

*ALL to one*            Sh, we don't want people to know we're here.  
*another :*            Do you think it's the soldiers ?  
                          I'm afraid !  
                          So'm I.  
                          Shhh....

*silence*

### *Cleopas's story*

> > > **WHEN Cleopas and Friend have come in –**

*ALL to one*            Is the door locked ?  
*another :*            Quick, lock the door !

> > > **WHEN Cleopas and Friend light candles on the altar –**

*Cleopas and Friend*    We believe that Jesus is risen !  
*Narrator*                Jesus is risen !  
*ALL*                        **Jesus is risen, indeed !**

*Please stand for the hymn*

He lives ! He Lives



*Please sit*

### *Jesus appears to the disciples - but not to Thomas*

> > > **WHEN Jesus appears –**

*ALL, pointing*            Oh,  
*to Jesus*                    Oh,  
                                  Oh  
                                  Oh

> > > **WHEN the other disciples light candles on the altar –**

*Other disciples*        We believe that Jesus is risen !  
*Narrator*                Jesus is risen !  
*ALL*                        **Jesus is risen, indeed !**

> > > **WHEN Thomas returns and knocks on the door**

*ALL to one* Sh, we don't want people to know we're here.  
*another :* Do you think it's the soldiers ?  
I'm afraid !  
So'm I.  
Shhh....

*silence*

> > > **WHEN he has entered –**

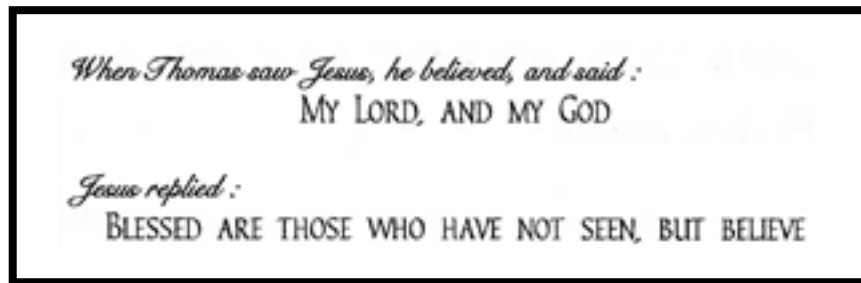
*ALL to one* Is the door locked ?  
*another :* Quick, lock the door !

ONE WEEK LATER

Jesus appears when Thomas is there

> > > **WHEN Jesus comes into the room**

*ALL* Look ! Look ! Look !  
Jesus, He's here again –  
Look, Thomas, Look !



> > > **WHEN Thomas lights a candle on the altar –**

*Thomas* I believe that Jesus is risen !  
*Narrator* Jesus is risen !  
*ALL* Jesus is risen, indeed !

*Please remain seated for the hymn*

“The Old Rugged Cross”

*(Tex will sing the verses; please join in the choruses !)*

*Tex*

1. On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
The emblem of suffering and shame,  
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

*ALL*

*Chorus :*  
*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,*  
*Till my trophies at last I lay down;*  
*I will cling to the old rugged cross,*  
*And exchange it some day for a crown.*

*Tex*

2. Oh, that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,  
Has a wondrous attraction for me,  
For the dear lamb of God left His glory above,  
To bear it to dark Calvary.

*ALL*

*Chorus*

*Tex*

3. To the old rugged cross I will ever be true,  
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;  
Then He'll call me someday to my home far away,  
Where His glory forever I'll share.

*ALL*

*Chorus*

*Please sit for the Message*

After the message :

We invite you to come forward and light one of the candles on the table as a thanksgiving for all that Jesus has done for us.

*Please stand for the hymn*

“I am the light of the world”

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Please sit or kneel for the prayers.

Together we sing The Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,  
Hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come,  
Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the Kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours now and  
for ever.  
Amen.**

*Please stand for the hymn*

“Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son”

**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 Thy body lay :**

*Chorus :*  
*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
Endless is the victory Thou o’er death has 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 has lost its sting :**

*Chorus*

**3. No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of Life;  
Life is nought 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.**

*Chorus*

*Please remain standing for the Blessing*

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**EVERYONE is invited** for tea and refreshments after the service  
( in the hall, behind the church )

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CONTRIBUTORS

*Names omitted*

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*About the "Upper room"*

The "Upper room" is mentioned in the Bible as the place where Jesus and His disciples celebrated the Last Supper together. We don't know just where the events we describe really happened, because the Bible doesn't tell us, so we've imagined them as all happening in the same Upper room.

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Dates for this year

Family services : May 29th, July 31st, September 18th, October 30th.  
at 10am  
Carol Service and BBQ : 5pm December 11th  
Christingle Service : 7pm, December 24th

Kids' club continues to meet on Tuesdays from 3:15 – 4:15pm in the Church Hall during term time ( March – November ). All primary school children welcome.

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We wish you all the joys of this Easter season !