

Easter Sunday Family Service 27.3.16

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[0 : 0 0] Well good morning, happy Easter and a warm welcome to the service this morning. It's good to see everybody for this family service and all the young ones over on my right and to my centre.

I hope you're in good voice today and the thinking caps are on. You will be taking part in the service today. We're going to just have a few intimations before we begin.

And they have been going on the screen just prior to me coming through as well. First of all a warm welcome to everyone and especially to those who are visiting with us today.

There's a few here, it's good to have you. And if you're able to stay behind at the end of the service it would be great to have a tea or coffee and a chance to speak with you. The evening service this evening will be in Gaelic at 6pm and Farrakhar MacLeod will be leading that service.

So Farrakhar we will pray for you. Farrakhar won't enjoy lunch today. English Fellowship will be at 8pm after the Gaelic service. And the country that will be focused upon for a few minutes in the fellowship this evening will be North Korea.

[1 : 1 0] A country we don't hear very much about but we'll have a bit of an insight into and a chance to pray for. This Bible study meets 8pm on Monday and the First Group Fellowship as usual half past 7 on Tuesday in the Church of Scotland Hall.

Pro2 Recovery meets also on Tuesday here in the Community Centre at 8pm. And the prayer meeting as usual on Wednesday at half past 7 in Kilded Cruises. I hope to be on holiday from the 1st to the 15th of April for two weeks.

And in my absence the Reverend Rory Morrison has agreed to be at the end of a phone for any pastoral issues. If there are anything that comes up in the course of meeting or holiday please speak first of all to one of the elders and then they can refer you to Rory Morrison if needs be.

Service is next Sunday 3rd of April. The morning service will be conducted by the Reverend Rory Morrison and the evening service will be conducted by John McSweeney. Both these services will be in English.

One or two other things. One was to say thank you on behalf of the Women for Mission for those who helped and donated to the cafe yesterday. And the amount raised was £738.75.

[2 : 3 0] So thanks to all who contributed and who helped with that. Soup and pudding lunch on Saturday 2nd of April. Free Church Hall, Leverborough.

Today's funds for Dorfus Educational Trust. One further information and that's just to say in follow up to the congregational meetings that we had.

I spoke at Presbytery on Wednesday about the plans that we have come to as a congregation and I presented the response to the appeal and the figures along with the plan thus far.

And the Presbytery unanimously approved everything that was presented. So that's an encouraging step in the process. The next step would be that the submission goes to the Board of Trustees.

And that will be, I think it's on the 21st of April. So you won't hear any more until the 21st of April when they meet. But thank you for your prayers over this week past.

[3 : 31] And let's continue to acknowledge God and ask that he will direct our paths as we seek to go forward in his will. Two more information, sorry.

Arman wants to say something about the website very briefly. Thank you.

But we'll have a good few months worth of anyone's time. Also, you can recommend others to go onto the website and listen to sermons. And that would please David having his voice heard far and near and far.

So, yeah, just to say pass the details on and do listen to it. The amount of hits we've got are being looked at. So it would be good. Thank you. Thank you. Just a very quick information.

A number of weeks ago, there was a request for volunteers to assist with painting the hall here. The paint's now been bought and the scaffold is here. So those that put your name down, or if you didn't put your name down, and you have availability on Monday night, during the air on Tuesday, or on Wednesday, if you could maybe meet with me after the hall, after the service just at the front of the stage.

[5 : 07] That would be great. Thanks very much. Thank you.

Thank you.

Thank you. Thank you.

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

that you decide to give us and the knowledge that Jesus lives and that he reigns and that one day soon he will return and take everyone who trusts him to be with him forever and so we pray Lord that you would help us to trust you every one of you everyone who is here we pray that we would be looking to Jesus in faith thank you for such love father that you have for us that you would send your son into this world to live for us that life that was perfect that we could never live to die for us in our place the death that we deserve because of our sin and Lord we thank you because he did all that we can be your friends forever we can be forgiven of our sin we can receive eternal life which we taste here and it goes on and is perfected in heaven for all eternity thank you that the message of the gospel is that Jesus has done it all and we just have to trust him and try to live for him Lord we admit that often we don't live in a way that pleases you even as

[8 : 13] Christians we so often do things and say things and think things that we know are wrong and even over the last few days as we think back through our lives and the way that we've spoken to people that the things that we might have done or not done we see Lord that there is much sin in our lives and in our hearts we pray that you would forgive us we don't hide it from you we can hide nothing from you but we tell you about it and ask Lord that you would cleanse us in the blood of Jesus and that you would make us clean and we pray for your strength the strength of the Holy Spirit the same spirit that rose Jesus from the dead we thank you that he comes to live in us when we believe and we pray that we would know the strength of the Holy Spirit today and all that we have to do and every day that we would live more and more for you and that we would become more and more like Jesus in the things that we do and say and think we ask Lord that you would help us as a church thank you that we're able to meet here today and we don't have to be worried or scared thank you that you have promised that you will be with us and we pray that you would feel that you are very near to us and all that we do and all that we read we pray that you would be speaking to every one of our hearts and Lord that we would hear your voice thank you that we're able to be here as a church and we ask Lord that you would give us wisdom and that you would lead us in your ways as we've prayed before we ask again Lord that you would show us your will and lead us in your will in all things we pray for the world Lord it's very much broken we look at the news and we hear about violence and all kinds of upsetting things happening in Brussels and in

Syria and in Iraq and in North Korea your people Lord especially are so badly treated around the world and Lord we pray that you would be with them and even those who don't know you Lord we pray that you would comfort them we think of the family of the shopkeeper in Glasgow and we ask that you would comfort them and that you would draw near to them that they would see Jesus as he is Savior and Lord and Lord we pray for our own community and for everybody who can't be here today some who are in hospital you think about Margaret and think about Dunda we ask that you would continue to be with them that you would watch over them and that you would bring them back to full health and strength and bring them back to Harris we pray and Lord we ask that you would be with some who are at home who'd love to be here but who are not strong enough today and we ask that you would be near to them and speak to them where they are in their homes we pray now Lord that you would lead us by your spirit help us to be attentive to all that you have to say to us and we ask that in all that we do that Jesus would be lifted up and many more people would be drawn close to him so hear our prayers and help us on this Easter day to not forget Jesus but to celebrate the resurrection the rising from the dead of Jesus and we pray all these things in Jesus name amen boys and girls i'm going to read a psalm that we were reading with the big people over the last couple of weeks there's just one verse in that psalm that we're going to think about in the time that we have today and it's going to be a shorter service today he said looking at this watch we'll definitely be out before 12 o'clock psalm 22 and i'm going to read it from verse 1 it's not on the screen but you can follow in your bibles if you have bibles and if not you can just listen psalm 22 and i want you to think about the fact that this was written 1000 years before Jesus came to the world my god my god why have you forsaken me why are you so far from saving me so far from the words of my groaning oh my god i try out by day but you do not answer by night but i am not silent yet you are enthroned as the holy one you are the praise of israel and your fathers put their trust they trusted and you delivered them they cried to you and were saved and you they trusted and were not disappointed but i am a worm and not a man scorned by men and despised by the people all who see me mock me they hurl insults shaking their heads he trusts in the lord let the lord rescue him let him deliver him since he delights in them yet you brought me out of the womb you made me trust in you even at my mother's breast from birth i was cast upon you from my mother's womb you have been my god do not be far from me for trouble is near and there is no one to help many rules surrounding me strong rules of passion encircle me roaring lions tearing their prey open their mouths wide against me i'm poured out like water and all my bones are out of joint my heart is turned to wax it is melted away within me my strength is dried up like a pot shirt and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth you lay me in the dust of death dogs have surrounded me a band of evil men has encircled me

they have pierced my hands and my feet i can count all my bones people stare and gloat over me they divide my garments among them and cast lots of my glory but you oh lord be not far off oh my strength come quickly to help me deliver my life from the sword my precious life from the power of the dogs rescue me from the mouth of the lion save me from the horns of the wild oxen i will declare your name to my brothers in the congregation i will praise you you who fear the lord praise him all you descendants of jacob honor him revere him all you descendants of israel for he has not despised or disdained the suffering of the afflicted one he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for him from you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly before those who fear you i will fulfill my vows the pure will eat and be satisfied they who seek the lord will praise him may your hearts live forever all the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the lord and all the families of the nations will bow down before him for dominion belongs to the lord that he rules over the nation all the rich of the earth will feast and worship all who go down to the dust will kneel before him those who cannot keep themselves alive austerity will serve him future generations will be told about the lord they will proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn listen for he has done it amen and may god help us to understand that reading of his word right boys and girls you've listened well so far if you continue to listen well there is a bag of easter eggs here and those who have been attentive will qualify for an easter egg that's called a reward or blackmail right boys and girls here's the first thing we question for you give me a volunteer one hand up please what's your name again grace you should know that grace this if you want to use my phone how do you use it can you make a phone call please i don't even know the passcode pardon i don't even know the passcode see it's into the microphone it's woven up you're all right i can't get into it i can't get into it because because there's a passcode on it there's a passcode on it there is a passcode on it thank you you can come back to chair now if there wasn't a passcode on the phone you could be phoning australia by now but see there's a passcode on this phone and to get into it you need to know the magic numbers and not even my girls know the magic numbers this morning i don't know what time it would have been at but uh when angus alec came to the hall or whoever came first into the hall what did they need before they got in bethany they needed a key they couldn't just come in and open the door because the door's locked so if you get into the hall you need a key to get into this phone you need a password

passcode boys and girls if you want to understand the easter story do you then you need to have the passcode or the key and so i'm going to give you a passcode or the key for the easter story today bethany you come read it out for us this is today's passcode to help us understand the easter story i want to hear it nice and loud he has done it sam sam 22 verse 31 and it says and it says he has done it let's go a bit louder this time sam sam 22 verse 31 he has done it one more time louder can you say it now can you think they can say it back to you sam 22 verse 31 he has done it is that good enough should be louder a bit louder yep again sam 22 verse 31 he has done it sam 22 verse 31 he has done it sam 22 verse 31 he has done it that side one definitely did brush two rows thank you bethany now if we understand that if we understand that what was it again sam 22 verse 31 he knows that if we understand that we'll understand easter and so i want to think through that pascord through that bit of the verse word by word with you this morning and so the first word is he the first word is he now who could he be before you answer that question we're going to play a wee game we're going to play a wee game first and uh it's a game where we look at pictures on the screen and we try to figure out who the person behind the pictures is i have shown i here for the first time today what an awful first day to have to sit through now then can you guess who is it that's behind there no this is a this is a this is a children's character that you sometimes like to see can you see from there who's that no okay let's take away a couple of strokes okay who's it now no anyone recognize anyone there go on alistair it does look like the cross somebody see someone over there pepper pig you've got extra glasses on how'd you get pepper what do you think is she right keep going well done it's pepper pig well we do another one let's do another one okay who's what's that one who's behind there can you think joe george george you guess let's go let's try oh oh no who are they turtles where's turtles

where's turtles ninja turtles what ninja turtles ninja turtles right ninja turtles ninja turtles yeah who is it then ninja turtles i think we got that now we got ninja turtles okay will we try another one did we like ninja turtles yeah i think so yeah i was going to do bob the builder apparently that's old school nobody's heard of bob the builder let's have another one okay who's that how on earth did you know that from that you think right okay sophia sophia the first yeah sophia the first okay let's try one more time one more time okay who's that smart alex any guesses go on then who is it a cow a cow no not a cow a horse a horse not a horse no this came to go on a while let's take two squares what about that one then uh-huh alistair no carry on about that no oh what when it comes to the presence time.

[24 : 32] Now then, what was I going to say about any of this? That game, yes, that game. We started off when we had all these different pieces.

And from all these different pieces, you couldn't really see behind, clearly, who it was that was on the squares. And as you started to put the pieces together and take the pieces away, we started to see the picture of who was on the screen.

And you know, the psalm that I read out a wee while earlier, I hope you were listening, it was a psalm that was a bit like that. In the psalm, we start to see a picture of who the he is. Because remember, what's the verse again? Psalm 22 verse 31.

He is. And so, in the psalm, we start to see who the he is. So, let's think about some of the things that we read in that psalm.

He was you listening? He was forsaken. Verse 1. And in the psalm, it says, My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

[25 : 51] That's what he shouted out. Why are you so far from saving me? So far from the words of my groaning? I wonder who could have said that.

In the psalm, we hear that he tried out. It says, Oh my God, I try out by day, but you do not answer by night.

And I'm not silent. In verse 7, it says that he was mocked. All who see me mock me, says he. They hurl in such, shaking their heads.

Verse 16 tells us that he was pierced. Are you starting to get a picture of who he might be? He was pierced.

In verse 18, it tells us in the psalm that his clothes were taken. They divide my garments among them and cast lots from my clothing.

[26 : 51] And it says in verse 15 that he dies. He is laid down in the dust of death. Who do you think, boys and girls, he could be?

Grace? Jesus? What was this? Take a few easy ways. No. Keep going.

No. Jesus. Jesus. Jesus. So, boys and girls, this is the first thing I want you to remember before you're going to sing.

Easter is not about me or you, first of all. Easter is not about the Easter bunny and the Easter eggs, first of all. Easter is all about he.

Not me, but he. And he is Jesus. And we're going to sing now about Jesus. You're going to come out and you're going to sing for us a wee song about Jesus.

[28 : 01] So, out you come. we believe in Hebrews 38, 2, 3, 4. Jesus Christ is never out of date, 2, 3, 4.

Yesterday or today or forevermore, Jesus saves the same and that is the same. Yee-haw! We believe in Hebrews 38, 2, 3, 4.

Jesus Christ is never out of date, 2, 3. If it's yesterday or today or forevermore, Jesus saves the same and that is the same.

Yee-haw! Thank you, boys and girls. Do you want to hear that one more time? Do you want to hear it louder? Very much louder. Yes, lots louder. Oh, Florane said, yes, lots louder.

When she says that, she means it. So, can you, do you think, do you think you might be able to sing a bit louder or do you think maybe not? What do you think, do you want to hear it louder?

[29 : 08] A bit louder? Yes, I think so. We believe in Jesus, Thank you very much, boys and girls.

you can sit down now we give them a wee clap applause applause applause applause applause okay we are going to stay sitting now and we are going to sing the last verse of this psalm that we were reading out in Galat and it says there in English they shall come and they shall declare his truth and righteousness, I wonder who they're speaking about his truth and righteousness unto a people yet unborn and that he hath done this so the verse that we're trying to remember we're going to sing now, we're going to sing it in Galat so we'll stay sitting and Farther, I think we'll just the one stanza guys I don't want to sing itroc foreign

Oh Oh Are ■■■■■ projected and Bethany, could you come back out please?

Go to reverse. Can you remind us what the verse is? Sam. Sam. Sam 22 verse 31.

He has done it. He has done it. Thank you. Go back down now. So the first word that we were thinking about was he.

[32 : 33] The second word that we were thinking about, we need to think about is has. So he has done it. Now then, if you've got a wee thing on the screen for the next title.

It'll pop up there in a wee second. Who can tell the time? You're obviously not you anyway. It's on 12 o'clock. Who can tell the time?

Can you put your hand up and you can tell the time? Is it important to tell the time? It's important to be able to tell the time, isn't it? If we can't tell the time, we wouldn't be here.

We'd either be too early or we'd be too late. So the word has. That speaks to us. There we go. It speaks to us about time. Now, boys and girls, if we talk about something that will happen, that's up in the future, isn't it?

On Friday of this week, what's happening? I'm going to pass on you, don't ask. What's going to happen on Friday of this week? Nish.

[33 : 46] Pardon? Pranks. April Fool's Day. Okay, yeah, that's right. One thing. What else is going to happen on Friday of this week? Yes, at the back. End of school.

End of school, thank you, yes. There's going to be a holiday. And so that's something that will happen, all being well. And so you think about the word will.

That tells us it's up in the future. If we talk about something that is happening, it's happening right now. So we're having a church service and we're doing all these things. And it is happening, the church service right now.

But if we talk about something that has happened, when did it happen? Yeah? If need. It happened in the past. Michael.

Michael's doing the church now, is he? Michael. He has had his birthday. On Friday of last week, everyone, or half of Harris, was at a wedding.

[34 : 43] Now that wedding has already happened. Now if we go back to the verse and try and understand it. He. Who's he? Shout it out. Who's he?

Jesus. He has done it. He has done it. He has done it. Yeah. So Easter is not about something that will happen.

It's not about something that is happening. Easter is about something that has already happened. Something that Jesus has already done. And something that we actually have to go back in time to read about and to remember.

He has done it. You know, boys and girls, lots of people think being a Christian is about me and you.

And the things that we maybe have done or are doing or are going to do in the future. Some people say things like, if I try and be really nice and if I try really hard to not do bad things and to do lots of good things, then maybe I'll be able to become a Christian and make myself a Christian.

[35 : 52] Is that right? It's the wrong way to think, isn't it? It's all wrong. We could never do enough good things to make ourselves perfect like Jesus.

Never. So being a Christian and the Christian message, especially the message that we think about at Easter.

It's not about me. It's about he. And he is Jesus. And it's not about what I have done or what you have done.

It's not about what we are doing just now. It's not about something that we've got on our to-do list to do in the future. It's about something that he has already done. So what has he done?

Now hold that thought and we'll think about that more in a minute. We're going to sing now about what he has done. We're going to sing from Mission Praise at number 1003.

[36 : 55] And we'll stand for this one to stretch our legs. Mission Praise 1003. And the words will be on the screen in just a wee minute.

I'll read it out just now. My Jesus, my Saviour. Lord, there is none like you all of my days. I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love. My comfort, my shelter.

Tower of refuge and strength. Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship you. Shout to the Lord of the earth. Let us sing. Power and majesty. Praise to the King.

Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name. Now listen to this. I sing for joy at the work of your hands.

Not my hands. Not anybody else's hands. But the work of Jesus' hands. Forever I'll love you. Forever I'll stand.

[37 : 54] Nothing compares to the promise I have in you. So let's stand to sing this hymn. You know what's going to happen now, Bethany?

Out you come? Take your chair. Lightest voice yet, please. Verse 22. Psalm. Psalm 22, verse 31.

He has done it. Thank you. Can you say that back there? Psalm 22, verse 31. He has done it. He has done it.

So we thought about he. And who is he? Jesus. We thought about the word has. And we remembered that what he has done, it's in the past. It's something that he has done for us.

And now we're trying to figure out that thing. What it is that he has done. I want a couple of volunteers, please. Somebody who's not done it already.

[38 : 57] Yes? Out you come. Is it grace, is it? Quite grace. And a boy as well. John Roddy. Okay. Thank you.

I want to give you two a wee task. And what you're going to do is, you're going to do your task. And once you've done your task, you're going to come back to here and stand in the chair and say, done it.

Okay. Now, John Roddy, are you strong? Yes. You're strong, yes? Yes. Sure? Yes.

Can you do press-ups? Yes. You can do press-ups? Yes. Excellent. Down in the press-up position. Give me five press-ups.

Yes. Five. Wait, wait, wait. Face the congregation so everybody can see you. You want to get in your proper posture. Learn how to do press-ups properly. Down there, yeah?

[39 : 53] And when I tell you, five press-ups, remember, keep the body straight, not the backside in the air. Five press-ups. Touch the ground of your chin as well, all the way down. Once you've done the five press-ups, you come back here and you say, done it!

Ready? Go. One. Two. Three. Four. Four. Five.

Damn it. Right, this is what we get you to do. Can you do one full circuit of the hall?

Not at breakneck speed. We don't want any kind of orchards. Just a nice reasonable pace around the hall. Two times. Look at two times. Leave it faster.

One. One. One. One. One. One. One. How?

[40 : 58] Two. No. One. One. Two. Two. Woo. Even faster. Yes. you've been up reckless done it so John Roddy and Grace well done I gave you a task you agreed to do it and once you had done it and it was completed you came up and you said done it you know before the beginning of the world Jesus agreed that he would come to this world and he was going to do a very special task Jesus agreed that he would come to this world to save us from our sin and that would mean that all the awful things that we read about in this psalm that happened a thousand years before Jesus came

Jesus knew that he was coming to the world to do all this everything that was promised in this psalm did it come true?

you listening? did it come true? or did it not come true? say yes if it came true it came true every single little bit of what we read about Jesus being forsaken and all alone crying out and no one answering being mocked and insulted his hands and his feet being pierced with nails his clothes being gambled over and then eventually laying his life down and dying every single bit of it that was promised a thousand years before and was decided thousands and thousands of years before every bit happened listen Mark chapter 15 Hugh's going to come and read that section for his please Mark 15 verse 22 to verse 39 I want you to be very quiet and to listen to what exactly happened that Jesus did for us just come to the mic they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha which means the place of the skull then they offered him wine mixed with myrrh but he did not take it and they crucified him dividing up his clothes they cast lots to see what each would get it was the third error when they crucified him the written notice of the charge against him read the king of the Jews they crucified two robbers with him one on his right and one on his left those who passed by hurled insults at him shaking their heads and saying so you who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days come down from the cross and save yourself in the same way the chief priests and the teachers of the law mocked him among themselves he saved others they said but he can't save himself let this Christ this king of Israel come down now from the cross that we may see and believe those crucified with him also heaped insults on him at the sixth hour darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour and at the ninth hour

Jesus cried out in a loud voice Eloi Eloi lama sabachthani which means my God my God why have you forsaken me when some of those standing near heard this they said listen he's calling Elijah one man ran filled a sponge with wine vinegar put it on a stick and offered it to Jesus to think now leave him alone let's see if Elijah comes to take him down he said with a loud cry Jesus breathed his last the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom and when the centurion who stood there in front of Jesus heard his cry and saw how he died he said surely this man was the son of God did you hear that imagine that Jesus the son of God dying for us and did you hear when he read he said that just before

Jesus breathed his last he gave out a loud cry and in John's gospel another gospel John tells us the cry that came from Jesus mouth just before he died as he hung on the cross he cried out something and what he said was a word and it goes like this tet elesta tet elesta and you know what it means it means it is finished or in other words it means done it Jesus was telling everybody who was listening and everybody who would listen hundreds of years later as he hung on the cross and as he died he was telling us he has done it everything that was needed to take away our sin everything that was needed for us to have everlasting life

[46 : 52] Jesus did the task that in love he decided he was going to come for he did it and just as he did it he shouted out tet elesta done it and Jesus has 2000 years ago on that cross Jesus died to take away our sin so boys and girls young and old do you want to have your sins washed away yes do you want to be forgiven yes do you want to be a friend of God a child of God yeah do you want to not die but to live forever and ever and ever go to be with the Lord in heaven well do you know what you have to do you have to do nothing because he has done you and I just have to believe that he has done and now you're going to tell us that in a lovely song so out you come you're going to sing now about what he has done

I am the reason he died on the tree and he gave his only son but whoever believes in him shall not die when chapter the lie and it's a love that he has from me he died on the tree and he died on the tree he had his own goodness and now I am free and he is to enjoy the in his company for God he made his only son he died on the tree he passed the smoker he gave his only son to live forever in his covenant but philosophers have him that he has from me what he has for me

I am a baby when he's not on the tree I am for forgiveness and I am free shut down to children who will get back at me applause applause applause applause applause applause Thank you very much boys and girls that was a wonderful song a great message some of you are looking at your watches it's 12 o'clock my watch says 11.03 laughter so remember Bethany out you come before Bethany speaks can you tell us what she's going to say Sam 23 verse 31 he has done it did you hear that?

I never heard it let's ask him again yeah okay again please Sam 22 verse 31 he has done it how's that?

okay let's hear it again Sam 22 verse 31 he has done it thank you very much so he is has it's something that happened in the past what did he do for us?

[50 : 53] he died on the tree as you were saying and that was to take away our sin and that's something which makes us sad and it's something that makes us happy at the same time to think that our sin is taken away it's a wonderful thing to think about the fact that we can have everlasting life is an amazing thing but to think about what Jesus had to suffer because of that is a horrible thing and if that's where the story ended we'd be quite sad this morning wouldn't we?

but is that where the story ended? not is it? nope if the story had ended at Jesus' death we wouldn't have been able to sing the first hymn today we wouldn't have been able to sing with the hope that we've got but Jesus didn't stay there did he?

Jesus what happened after Jesus died? died he rags that's right he rags he rose from the dead Jesus didn't stay dead he was on the cross and just before he died he shouted out tetelestai it's finished I've done it and then there was quiet and then Jesus' body was taken down from the cross and it was put in a tomb and it was a big stone put at the mouth of the tomb wasn't it?

the big soldiers guarding the stone and then on the first day of the week Sunday Jesus rose from the dead he rose from the dead and in rising from the dead Jesus was showing us he wasn't just telling us on the cross that he has done it but in rising from the dead he was showing us forever and ever that he has done it and so we're going to read about that now please just a brief reading that Nicky's going to read and then we're finished so you've been very good early on the first day of the week of the week while it was still dark Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance so she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple the one Jesus loved and said they have taken the Lord out of the tomb and we don't know where they have put him so Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb both were running but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first he bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying but he kept away then Simon Peter who was behind him arrived and went into the tomb he saw the strips of linen lying there as well as the burial clothes that had been around

Jesus' head the cloth was folded up by itself separate from the linen finally the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went inside he saw and there he believed thank you Nicky so we read there about how on the first day of the week when they got to the tomb they didn't find Jesus' body dead but they found the clothes that he was laid in all over the place and Jesus was alive and he says that one of the disciples there he saw and he believed and I want to just finish this morning with a little message to the young ones and the older ones and it's just simply this they saw and they believed can you see this Easter what the Easter story is all about and do you believe do you believe that Jesus has done everything to save us from sin and to give us the everlasting life that God promises can you see that Easter is all about he

[55 : 05] Jesus and not me and not you and can you see that Easter is all about what he Jesus has already done he has you hear that again he has done he has done so do you see it and will you believe and will you share in the everlasting life that Jesus showed us when he rose and he promises to all who will trust in him we'll pray to finish heavenly father we thank you for the wonderful message of Easter that he Jesus your son has done he has done everything that was needed to save us forever help us we pray to be able to see that and help us we pray to believe that and to share in the everlasting life that is promised to all who trust in Christ and we pray these things in Jesus name amen we're going to sing now to finish and it's that hymn that's on the screen mission praise 1072 in Christ alone my hope is found we'll stand to sing and now may the grace of our Lord

Jesus Christ and the love of God the Father and the fellowship of God the Holy Spirit be with us all both now and forevermore amen boys and girls if you could before anybody else gets up and runs for the door head over to the table there and there are some things for you to do and there are some eggs for you to claim so I'll leave that with the sons of the teachers the cafe looks like somebody who can well handle a bag of eggs and so you head over to the table and then once they're over next to the foundation to the library which is starting to the safety the eager the