Dear friend
I am pleased to enclose our virtual service for Easter Sunday, prepared by Judith.

A couple of joyful Easter hymns with words to sing along to Jesus Christ is risen today, from King's
https://youtu.be/rMwPEmUMP7U

Love's redeeming work is done, from Chet Valley churches
https://youtu.be/tsPsuTkNz4c

A rendition of the Easter motet Congratulamini mihi omnes (Rejoice with me) by Palestrina, sung by Cardinall's Musick
https://youtu.be/NfNJf3sgWaQ

For something more extrovert, here is The trumpet shall sound, from Handel's Messiah, with the impressive voice of Dashon Burton and very nifty playing on the valveless trumpet by John Thiessen with a baroque band at the Somerset Hills festival, New Jersey.
https://youtu.be/_rQYv8EsGSQ?list=RD_rQYv8EsGSQ

Finally, a couple of worship songs recommended by Martin as good for Easter…
Paul Baloche - Glorious (Official Lyric Video)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Brtdu2WM8mc

and Agnus Dei, Worthy is the Lamb, with Michael W. Smith & Skye Reedy | Live at Bridgestone Arena, USA

"Alleluia. Holy, holy are you Lord God almighty. Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb." Amazingly gathered worship in the Holy Spirit, led by the composer from the keyboard. The repeated mantra is like a Taizé chant.

Easter greetings!
Chris.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rEWHCkFMfLQ

Service for Easter Sunday 4th April



Easter Garden, Farmborough Church 2017

This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it! *Psalm 118:24*

CONFESSION

O God, bring new life where we are worn and tired; new love where we have turned hard-hearted; forgiveness where we have wounded; and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit where we are the prisoners of ourselves. *(John Bell)*

May the God of love and power forgive us and free us from our sins, heal and strengthen us by his spirit, and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. Amen (Common Worship)

COLLECT

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

READINGS Acts 10:34-4; Psalm 118:14-24; 1 Corinthians: 1-11; John 20:1-18

REFLECTION 'For as yet they did not understand the scripture that he must rise from the dead.' *(John 20:9)* In the previous verse we learn that 'the other disciple', who had reached the tomb first but left it to Simon Peter to go in first, 'saw and believed'. These two statements sum up, perhaps, the confusion and perplexity which has, for many, accompanied the Resurrection story down through the ages. But, from the darkness on that early morning, Mary is illuminated by her Lord's appearance. 'I have seen the Lord', she declares; not just seen him - she has spoken to him and heard his reassuring reply. Paul, too, has experienced Christ, and not only believes, but communicates his own resurrection experience, to help us, and others, to know and to share the amazing good news – 'He is risen indeed! Alleluia!'

PRAYERS

O risen Lord, who in your first appearance to Mary was mistaken for the gardener, be present with us, and grant that our prayers today may be taken up into yours on behalf of the whole world. (Church of South India)

We pray for the world, and for all who worship you today; for the troubled places, for Myanmar, Mozambique, Yemen and so many more, where your people suffer.

We pray for the sick in body, mind or spirit, naming those we know and love before you…… for those who continue to suffer from Covid 19 and other diseases; for all who are working to ease pain and sickness .

Living God, for whom no door is closed, no heart is locked, draw us beyond our doubts, till we see your Christ and touch his wounds where they bleed in others. (NZ Prayer Book)

*'*Celebrate today the sounds of resurrection in early morning worship and breaking bread. Sing with glad thanksgiving the church's dawn chorus,

"Christ is alive! He has risen from the dead"'. *(Jean Mortimer)*

We say **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

We share **THE GRACE**

FINAL PRAYER

Yesterday we were crucified with Christ; today we are glorified with him. Yesterday we were dead with Christ; today we are sharing in his resurrection. Yesterday we were buried with him; today we are waking with him from the sleep of death. Amen

(*Gregory of Nazianzus ,329-389)*