

**Wesley Memorial Church
Oxford**

Praying to be as just, loving and generous as God's grace

Sunday March 23rd , 2008

EASTER SUNDAY

A prayer for today

Bright and amazing God, who has been to the depths of despair for us, we rejoice in the presence of Christ, risen and radiant. Help us to know resurrection in our world as the broken comes to wholeness, the wounded find healing and the frightened know trust. May the joy of this Easter day bring new freedom and peace to the people of the world.

10.30 a.m. The Revd David Cooper

The Lord is risen! **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

HYMN 193 Christ the Lord is risen today

Roll back the stone (insert)

Silence

Prayer

Choir:It is over now

Where is Jesus? *(From 'Jerusalem Joy' – Roger Jones)*

Sharing with the children

SONG SUPPLEMENT 6 Christ triumphant

Children's blessing

Scripture: Jeremiah 31: 1-6

Yvonne Gibson

Colossians 3: 1-4)

Matthew 28: 1-10)

Chris Gibson

'The Answer' - R.S. Thomas

HYMN 213 This joyful Eastertide

Sermon: 'The Great Easter Rush'

Prayers of intercession (MWB 165)

Clare Matthews

The Prayer of Jesus

The Peace (MWB 168)

SONG SUPPLEMENT 89 In bread we bring you, Lord

The offering of our gifts

The Thanksgiving

The Breeding of the Bread

Sharing of the bread and wine

HYMN 212 Thine be the glory

The Blessing

6.30 p.m. Easter Sunday at Lime Walk Methodist Church

Stations of the Resurrection

Readings, music and time for reflection

led by Revd Jonathan Todd