

Home Worship Guide
Easter Sunday
April 4, 2021

Opening Prayer

(select someone from your group to open your service in prayer)

Call to Worship

Adapted from 1 Corinthians 15

LEADER: Christ is risen!

PEOPLE: *He is risen, indeed!*

LEADER: Death is swallowed up in victory.

PEOPLE: *O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?*

LEADER: The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

PEOPLE: *But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

LEADER: Christ is risen!

PEOPLE: *He is risen, indeed!*

Songs & Liturgy

(sing as a group and/or sing along to recorded versions)

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

(Charles Wesley, 1739)

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth reply. Alleluia!

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!

He is not dead; He is alive.
We have this hope, in Jesus Christ.

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!

He is not dead; He is alive.
We have this hope, in Jesus Christ.
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!

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PSALM MEDITATION – *Psalm 30 (ESV) A Song of Victory by Jesus, Son of David*

LEADER: I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

PEOPLE: O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

LEADER: Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.

PEOPLE: Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning. As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."

LEADER: By your favor, O Lord, you made my mountain stand strong; you hid your face; I was dismayed.

PEOPLE: To you, O Lord, I cry, and to the Lord I plead for mercy:

LEADER: "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?"

PEOPLE: Hear, O Lord, and be merciful to me! O Lord, be my helper!"

LEADER: You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.

ALL: O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

(Matthew Bridges & Godfrey Thring, Music by George J. Elvey, 1851)

Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne:
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love:
Behold His hands and side
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified;
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his wond'ring eye
At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of life:
Who triumphed o'er the grave,
Who rose victorious to the strife
For those He came to save;
His glories now we sing,
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of heav'n:
One with the Father known,
One with the Spirit thru Him giv'n
From yonder glorious throne.
To Thee be endless praise,
For Thou for us hast died;
Be Thou, O Lord, thru endless days
Adored and magnified.

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Sharing

(as a lead into the Prayer Time, as a group share how you are feeling and what you are learning)

Prayer Time

(You may have an open time of prayer or select someone to pray)

Pray for our church's short and long-term meeting place needs, that God would give us favor in the eyes of those in authority and that He would give us provision that would go far beyond all that we could ask or imagine.

- Pray for our world – that the good news of Jesus Christ would flourish and that many would come to know God genuinely and personally.
- Pray for those experiencing injustices; specifically, that God would bring hope, reconciliation, and restoration through the good news of His Son, and that we would be agents of this reconciliation.
- Pray for those in authority at every level in our country, that they would govern wisely and justly.

Listen to Sermon

“Jesus and The Temple”

John 2:13-22

preached by Pastor Don Willeman

Scripture Passage

John 2:13-22 (ESV)

¹³ The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. ¹⁵ And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ And he told those who sold the pigeons, “Take these things away; do not make my Father’s house a house of trade.” ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

¹⁸ So the Jews said to him, “What sign do you show us for doing these things?” ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” ²⁰ The Jews then said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?” ²¹ But he was speaking about the temple of his body. ²² When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Confession of Faith

Adapted from Hebrews 10

LEADER: We proclaim the mystery of the faith.

CONGREGATION: *Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

LEADER: And by the blood of Christ Jesus, God has made a way for us to enter the Most Holy Place, through the curtain of Christ’s broken body.

CONGREGATION: *Therefore, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.*

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

Song of Response

(sing as a group and/or sing along to recorded versions)

IN CHRIST ALONE

(Stuart Townend, Keith Getty)

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My comforter, my all in all,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones he came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His, and He is mine -
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from his hand,
Till he returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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Benediction

(The leader or individual should read this aloud relishing in the confident assertion that Christ has conquered.)

Luke 12:29-32

LEADER: Do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you. Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

PEOPLE: Amen!