

Order of Worship April 19, 2020

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Passing of the Peace

A Time of Preparation

Call to Worship

Leader: Every Sunday is a Little Easter.

People: **Every Sunday we gather in the name of the Risen Christ and in the power of the Resurrection.**

Leader: Every Sunday we remember Christ's love, Christ's sacrifice, Christ's victory!

People: **Every Sunday we hear anew with joy the angel's words: "He is not here. He is risen!"**

All: **Come let us worship the Easter God.**

Opening Prayer (unison)

God, you are the source of our life. Gather us now together, we pray. Form us into a Holy Community of your own people, molding us by the breath of your Holy Spirit. Be known among us, grant us the assurance of your presence, your love, and your renewing power through your word and spirit, reveal to us your purpose in our lives. We pray in the name of the Risen Christ. Amen.

Hymn "Victory in Jesus"

**1. I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory,
How he gave His life on Calvary to save a wretch like me. I heard about His groaning, of His precious blood's atoning, Then I repented of my sins and won the victory.**

Refrain

**O victory in Jesus, my Savior forever!
He sought me and bo't me with His redeeming blood. He loved me ere I knew Him, and all my love is due Him. He plunged me to victory beneath his cleansing flood.**

2. I heard about His healing, of His cleansing pow'r revealing, How He made the lame to walk again and caused the blind to see.

And then I cried, "Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit," And somehow Jesus came and bro't to me the victory.

Refrain

**O victory in Jesus, my Savior forever!
He sought me and bo't me with His redeeming blood. He loved me ere I knew Him, and all my love is due Him. He plunged me to victory beneath his cleansing flood.**

3. I heard about a mansion He has built for me in glory, And I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea; About the angels singing, and the old redemption story; And some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of victory.

Refrain

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He sought me and bo't me with His redeeming blood. He loved me ere I knew Him, and all my love is due Him. He plunged me to victory beneath his cleansing flood**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

O God, you have made peace with us by the resurrection of Jesus Christ but we have refused to accept your peace. You have set us free and made us whole but we live broken and fragmented lives. You see all of creation as one but we see our part as the only one. There is no pain in the world that you do not know but we close our eyes to pain other than our own. You have given us victory over death but we worry constantly about the end of our lives. You have created the people of the world as one body but we divide Christ's body into separate parts. Bring us together; keep us sowing the seeds of hope. Forgive our shortsightedness and our brokenness. For we ask in Jesus' name, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Choral Response "Gloria Patri"

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, It is now and ever shall be, World without end. Amen

Prayer's of the People—The Lord's Prayer (unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Anthem "All the Earth Rejoice"

Scripture Luke 24:1-12

24 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. 2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3 but when they went in, they did not find the body. 4 While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. 5 The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. 6 Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, 7 that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." 8 Then they remembered his words, 9 and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. 10 Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. 11 But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. 12 But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Sermon "He Is Risen"

Affirmation of Faith—Apostles' Creed (unison)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn "He Lives"

1. I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today; I know that He is living, whatever men may say. I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer, And just the time I need Him, He's always near.

Refrain

He Lives (He lives), He lives (He lives)! Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way. He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives), salvation to impart! You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart!

2. In all the world around me I see His loving care; And tho' my heart grows weary, I never will despair. I know that He is leading thro' all the stormy blast; The day of His appearing will come at last.

Offering

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

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

2. 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!

Benediction

Benediction Response

Make us one, Lord, make us one, Holy Spirit, make us one. Let your love flow, so the world will know, We are one in you.

Refrain

He Lives (He lives), He lives (He lives)! Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way. He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives), salvation to impart! You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart!

3. Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing. Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ, the King! The hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find, None other is so loving, so good and kind.

Refrain

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3. 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!

4. Soar we now where Christ has led. Alleluia! Foll'wing our exalted Head. Alleluia! Made like Him, like Him we rise. Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!