

Order of Worship for Easter
April 26, 2020

Prelude

Chiming of the Hour Welcome and Announcements

Passing of the Peace

A Time of Preparation

Call to Worship

Leader: Sing Alleluia, for Christ our Lord is Risen.

People: "Do not be afraid," said the angel to the women at the tomb.

Leader: Sing Alleluia, for death has been defeated.

People: "Do not be afraid," said Jesus to His disciples.

Leader: Sing Alleluia, for God's love has triumphed over evil.

People: We sing with joy, for there is nothing that can separate us from the love of God.

Leader: If God be for us, then who can be against us?

People: With a word of grace, a word of hope.

Leader: With a word of love, Christ is risen!

People: Let us Rejoice and give thanks, for He is risen indeed!

Opening Prayer

Hymn "Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

**1. Rejoice, the Lord is King:
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**2. Jesus, the Savior, reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When He has purged our stains,
He took his seat above;
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**3. His kingdom cannot fail,
He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus giv'n:
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**4. Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord and judge shall come
And take His servants up
To their eternal home:
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

Call To Confession

Prayer of Confession

Living and loving God, we are awed by the stories of Jesus, His life, His death, and His ascension into heaven. But we confess that it is not always easy to believe in something that happened so long ago. Forgive our doubts and our need for logical explanations. Give us the wonder and awe of children who accept with a loving heart. What a discerning mind rejects, fire our imaginations and awaken our souls to the miracle of Your promise of everlasting life. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen

Assurance of Pardon

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

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

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

Scripture

Matthew 28:5-10

5 But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." 8 So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. 9 Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Luke 24:36-39

36 While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." 37 They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. 38 He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? 39 Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have."

John 21:15-19

15 When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." 16 A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." 17 He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. 18 Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." 19 (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

Matthew 28:16-20

16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Sermon "Easter's Over, Now What?"

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.

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

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!

Presentations of Tithes and Offerings

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 "Alleluia! Alleluia!"

1. Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise; sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise: he who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled, Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.

2 Now the iron bars are broken, Christ from death to life is born; Glorious life, and life immortal, on this resurrection morn. Christ has triumphed, and we conquer by His mighty enterprise; We with Him to life eternal By His resurrection rise.

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.

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