

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR 04-04-2021
Easter Sunday

- **Call to Worship – Isaiah 25: 6-9**

- **Songs of Worship – Christ the Lord is Risen Today (LUYH 182 vs. 1-2, 4)¹**

Verse 1

Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia! All creation, join to say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia! Sing, O heavens, and earth, reply: Alleluia!

Verse 2

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!

Verse 4

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!

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing (LUYH 206 vs. 1-2, 5)²

Verse 1

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Verse 2

Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now, and touching every place and time.

Verse 5

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love and praise.

- **God's Greeting**

- **Songs of Praise – Alleluia! Jesus is Risen (LUYH 205 vs. 1, 4-5)³**

Verse 1

Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

Chorus

Jesus is risen and we shall arise: give God the glory! Alleluia!

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Verse 4

Weeping, be gone; sorrow be silent: death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing: "O grave, be open!" Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.

Verse 5

City of God, Easter forever, golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
river of life, saints, and archangels, sing with creation to God the I AM!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven (LUYH 179 vs. 1-2)⁴

Verse 1

Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heaven 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.

Verse 2

Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat.
See the ancient powers of evil in confusion and retreat.
Once he died and once was buried; now he lives forever more—
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer, whom we worship and adore.

- **Affirmation – Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 45**

Q. How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

A. First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he won for us by his death.

Second, by his power we too are already now resurrected to a new life.

Third, Christ's resurrection is a guarantee of our glorious resurrection.

- **Song of Assurance – I Know that My Redeemer Lives (LUYH 193 vs. 1, 7)⁵**

Verse 1

I know that my Redeemer lives! What joy this blest assurance gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead; he lives my everlasting head!

Verse 7

He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Savior still the same;
what joy this blessed assurance gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

- **Pastoral Prayer**

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- **Offering** – even though we are not passing the offering plates during our worship service, we still want to remember that the giving of our tithes and offerings is an act of worship to God. We are grateful for all his gifts to us, and we give back a portion of what he has given to us.

- **Sermon**

Sermon Text: 1 Peter 1: 3-5

Sermon Title: “His Resurrection; Our Hope”

- **Song of Response – See What A Morning (LUYH 181 vs. 1-3)⁶**

Verse 1

See, what a morning, gloriously bright, with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
folded the graveclothes, tomb filled with light, as the angels announce, “Christ is risen!”
See God’s salvation plan, wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
fulfilled in Christ the Man, for he lives: Christ is risen from the dead.

Verse 2

See Mary weeping, “Where is he laid?” as in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb.
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name; it’s the Master, the Lord, raised to life again!
The voice that spans the years, speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,
will sound ‘til he appears for he lives: Christ is risen from the dead.

Verse 3

One with the Father, Ancient of Days, through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty.
Honor and blessing, glory and praise to the King crowned with power and authority.
And we are raised with him: death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered.
And we shall reign with him, for he lives: Christ is risen from the dead.
d live!

- **Benediction**

- **Doxology – Christ the Lord is Risen Today (LUYH 182 vs. 5)⁷**

Verse 5

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia! Praise to you by both be given; Alleluia!
Risen Christ, triumphant now; Alleluia! Every knee to you shall bow: Alleluia!

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