



RIVERSIDE HOME WORSHIP

Easter Sunday, April 12th

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GOD'S GREETING

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING SONG

"Low in the Grave Christ Lay"

Low in the grave He lay, Jesus, my Savior;
Waiting the coming day, Jesus, my Lord!

*Up from the grave He arose,
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes,
He arose a Victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever, with His saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!*

Vainly they watch His bed, Jesus, my Savior;
Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus, my Lord!

*Up from the grave He arose,
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes,
He arose a Victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever, with His saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!*

Death cannot keep his Prey, Jesus, my Savior;
He tore the bars away, Jesus, my Lord!

*Up from the grave He arose,
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes,
He arose a Victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever, with His saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!*

CHILDREN'S LESSON

"Easter's New Life"

CHILDREN'S SONG

Jesus loves me, this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong;
they are weak, but He is strong.

*Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.*

A PRAYER FOR EASTER

Almighty God of Resurrection Hope.

As we gather together our hearts in worship today — and as we unite them now before Your Throne in prayer — we come to lift unto you our praise and thanksgiving, our adoration and our gratitude.

For what else could we do, O God, amidst the knowledge of Christ's Death and Resurrection...of our place gifted within this by grace through faith...and the assurance we have of the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting which shines so brightly in this Easter Day?

What else could we do but gather our hearts and minds, our bodies and souls, in this time of worship and join our voices in the grand chorus of resurrection celebration that is sounded around the world in this day?

Oh Father, what a masterful symphony it must be.

May You, O God, take joy in each and every part—and *may Easter's glory shine through in every land and every nation, every tribe and every tongue*—that...according to the wonder of Your Word and Inspiration of hearts...the glorious Hope of the Crucified Savior and Risen Lord of this Day might be told again, known more deeply by those of faith, and found by those who know not of it yet.

To Your honor and for your glory — forever and ever.

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And in the glorious Hope of this Day — and the Good News it is:

Father, we pray for Your Church...

We pray that in this day—*one in which she is gathered for worship so differently*—that the resurrection Hope will still inspire her to joy and praise - and - to trust amidst fear and worry. That it will embolden her to yet be witness, even if in different form, that the Tomb is indeed empty. And that it will enliven her in each and every mission and ministry, that in these unprecedented days, the Gospel Hope might still be powerfully lived and proclaimed in every new avenue for Christian care and Proclamation of our Risen Lord — that many more may come to know the Hope found in Him.

And Father, we pray for Your people...

For those who struggle with age or illness — may Easter's joy be real for them in this day to assure them of Your Love and Care.

For those who struggle with trial of worry or concern — may the rolled-away stone of this morning tower in the comfort of assurance.

For those who struggle with persistent sin — may the vindication of the Crucified Savior known in the Risen Lord assure them of their forgiveness and the power to be found in Him.

For those who struggle with stressed or broken relationships — may the knowledge of a reconciled one with you in Christ Jesus give them Hope.

For those who struggle with loneliness or feeling far from You — may the understanding that Jesus came, died, and rose again that nothing might separate us from Your Love wrap their hearts in Your the nearness.

And for those who have known a loved one to pass on to glory in recent days or one who is looking on to that passing soon — may the bars of the grave rent apart by the nail pieced hands of Christ Jesus assure them that we are NOT as those who grieve without hope, but rather, are those able to give thanks even in our grief on account of the Hope You have given us in Christ's Open Tomb.

And Father, we pray for Your world.

For it amidst this Pandemic - all those who have fallen victim to this virus - all those who have lost loved ones to it - all those who seek to care for them and find the cure - all those in governance who search for the best measures by which to combat its spread - a world, national, and local economy that is to find painful affects for many days to come - and for all of us amidst this time...

Of difficulty and frustration...

Of loneliness in isolation or stressful-busyness in a perpetually-packed home...

Of economic loss or loss of employment...

Of missing-out on milestones of young life or missing-deeply friends and family...

Of uncertainty, of concern, of wondering, and of even fear...

Father, be near to us all — to remind us that You are ever in control. That Your Spirit is still mightily at work among Your people and in Your world. And that Christ Jesus has not only suffered for its sin, its death, and its disease on *a day* so long ago...but is, *this very day*, Risen in Victory over all of it...and is to *one day* return with the Kingdom where they shall be no more.

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And now Father,

As we close this time of prayer and turn our hearts and minds to Your Word for this morning...bless us we pray...that we may have eyes to see and ears to hear—even in *this Easter Day so strange*—the wonder of our Risen Lord and the Glory of this special day...***that all of our hearts may rest assured, once again, that Christ is Risen... Risen indeed.***

We raise our prayer to You in His precious and powerful Name. Amen.

GOD'S WORD AND BLESSING

“RESOLVED: The Farewell Address”

2nd Timothy 4:6-8

CLOSING SONG

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

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!
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!
Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Once he died, our souls to save; Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!
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!
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!