



April 12 – Easter Sunday
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Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Liturgist: People, why have you come here?

People: We have come to care for the body of Jesus, who was crucified. We come to prepare him for burial, as our law requires.

Liturgist: He is not here. He was raised, as he told you.

People: Do you ask us to believe that Jesus, whom we saw dead, lives?

Liturgist: Come see for yourselves. Here is the shroud that covered him; there, the place where he lay.

People: We see. His place really is empty. We hardly know what to say.

Liturgist: Rejoice with me in this great blessing, give praise to God; then go and tell everyone what you have seen here.

People: We will join you, singing God's amazing glory, who alone could work such a thing.

Opening Hymn

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

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Young Disciples Chat

Scripture

John 20:1-18

Hymn of Preparation

Easter People, Raise Your Voices

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Message

Raising the Alleluias!

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Silent Prayer & Pastoral Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Sharing Our Tithes & 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

Closing Hymn

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Closing Prayer

Let us go forth in the power of Christ's resurrection. Alleluia! The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Alleluia!

Benediction

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Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye 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 thy sting? Alleluia! Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia! Where's thy victory, boasting 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 thee by both be given, Alleluia! Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia! Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!

King of glory, soul of bliss, Alleluia! Everlasting life is this, Alleluia! Thee to know, thy power to prove, Alleluia! Thus to sing, and thus to love, Alleluia!

Words: Charles Wesley, 1739. Music: *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

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Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring. Christ has brought us heaven's choices; heavenly music, let it ring. Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.

Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below. For our Lord empowered us to triumph over every foe. Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.

Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song. When in trouble move the faster to our God who rights the wrong. Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.

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I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today; I know that he is living, whatever foes 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.

Chorus

He lives, (he lives) he lives, (he lives) Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me a long 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.

In all the world around me I see his loving care, and though my heart grows waery, I never will despair. I know that he is leading through all the stormy blast; the day of his appearing will come at last.

Chorus

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.

Chorus

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