

Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020

WORSHIP GUIDE

Preparatory Reflection:

Jesus said: "Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades." - *Revelation 1.17c-18*

Gathering Words: Luke 24.34

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Prayer of Invocation

Unison: Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.¹

Song of Praise: Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia!

Jesus' agony is o'er, Alleluia!

Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!

Darkness veils the earth no more, Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!

Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the vict'ry won, Alleluia!

Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Declaration of Forgiveness: 2 Corinthians 5.17

Leader: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

People: Amen!

Scripture Reading: Luke 24.1-12, 36-49

Sermon: A Resurrected Savior

Prayer of Intercession

Profession of Faith: The Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 45. 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 Thanksgiving: Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death?

Christ alone, Christ alone

What is our only confidence?

That our souls to Him belong

Who holds our faith when fears arise?

Who stands above the stormy trial?

Who sends the waves that bring us night

Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Who holds our days within His hand?

What comes, apart from His command?

And what will keep us to the end?

The love of Christ, in which we stand

CHORUS

Unto the grave, what will we sing?

"Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"

And what reward will heaven bring?

Everlasting life with Him

CHORUS

O sing hallelujah!

Our hope springs eternal

O sing hallelujah!

Now and ever we confess

Christ our hope in life and death

There we will rise to meet the Lord

Then sin and death will be destroyed

And we will feast in endless joy

When Christ is ours forevermore

What truth can calm the troubled soul?

God is good, God is good

Where is His grace and goodness known?

In our great Redeemer's blood

CHORUS X2

Now and ever we confess

Christ our hope in life and death

Benediction: Numbers 6.24-26

¹ The Book of Common Prayer 1979, 222.