

Easter Sunday



9:00am MST April 12, 2020

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The Resurrection of Our Lord

Greeting

Hymn

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Christian Worship 341:1-4

Led by Branches Band & The Rock of Ages Children

1. Crown him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

2. Crown him the Lord of love --
Behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his wond'ring eye
At mysteries so bright.

3. Crown him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those he came to save.
His glories now we sing
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.

4 Crown him the Lord of heav'n,
Enthroned in worlds above;
Crown him the King to whom is giv'n
The wondrous name of Love.
Crown him with many crowns
As thrones before him fall;
Crown him, ye kings, with many crowns For he is King of all.

Dialogue for Easter

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

I will sing to the Lord, for he is highly exalted. The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Lord's right hand was majestic in power. The Lord's right hand shattered the enemy. In the greatness of his majesty he threw down those who opposed him.

Death has been swallowed up in victory.

Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth.

The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign forever and ever.

For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be our shepherd; he will lead us to springs of living water.

And God will wipe away every tear from our eyes.

Hymn

Christ The Lord Is Risen Today

Christian Worship 150:1-2

Led by the Children at Rock of Ages

♪ **Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!**
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!
See the place where he was laid; Alleluia!
Praise him for the ransom paid. Alleluia!

2. For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!
Sinless in the sinners' stead. Alleluia!
"Christ is ris'n," today we cry; Alleluia!
Now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

Confession – Absolution

Upon the hill the cross now stands empty. Morning light breaks upon the tomb. As we come before our God and King this holy Easter morning, let us confess to him our sins.

Lord God, I humbly come before you. I confess that I am sinful in thought, word, and deed. I daily fail to do what you command, and continually do what you forbid. Lord, I am sorry for my sins. I believe that for the sake of my Lord Jesus Christ, you will have mercy on me.

Upon this, your sincere confession, by Christ's command and authority, I forgive you of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit. The vacant cross and the empty grave are God's proofs to you that he has accepted the sacrifice of his one and only Son. Whoever believes this simple truth of Scripture has eternal life.

The Lord is gracious and righteous!
When I was in great need, he saved me.

The Lord is my strength and my song;
He has become my salvation.

Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous:
The Lord's right hand has done mighty things!

I will not die but live,
And will proclaim what the Lord has done.

Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Hymn

Christ The Lord Is Risen Today
Christian Worship 150:3-4
Led by the Children at Rock of Ages

♪ **Christ, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!**
God and sinners reconciled. Alleluia!
While, in strange and awful strife, Alleluia!
Met together Death and Life. Alleluia!

4. Christ, who once for sinners bled, Alleluia!
Now the first-born from the dead, Alleluia!
Throned in endless might and pow'r, Alleluia!
Lives and reigns forevermore. Alleluia!

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lord, Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through baptism, may walk in the newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be dominion and praise now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 12:1-6

The risen and exalted King brings joy and peace to all nations.

In that day you will say: I will give thanks to you, LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger has turned away, and you comfort me. ²Surely God is my salvation. I will trust him and will not be afraid, because Yah, the LORD, is my strength and song, and he has become my salvation.

³Therefore with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴In that day you will say: Give thanks to the LORD! Proclaim his name. Declare among the peoples what he has done. Proclaim that his name is exalted! ⁵Sing to the LORD, for he has done amazing things! Let this be known in all the earth! ⁶Shout aloud and sing for joy, daughter of Zion, for the Holy One of Israel is great among you!

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 118

♪ Surey It is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his mercy endures forever.

Let Israel say now:
Yes, his mercy endures forever.

Let the house of Aaron say now:
Yes, his mercy endures forever.

Let those who fear the LORD say now:
Yes, his mercy endures forever.

The LORD is with me. I will not be afraid.
What can people do to me?

The LORD, who is with me, is my helper,
so I will look in triumph on my enemies.

It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in people.
It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in human benefactors.

♪ **Surely It is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.**

My strength and song is the LORD,
and he has become salvation for me.

Loud shouts of victory are heard in the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of the LORD has done a mighty deed!"

The right hand of the LORD is lifted high!
The right hand of the LORD has done a mighty deed!"

I will not die. No, I will live,
and I will proclaim the works of the LORD.

The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
This is from the LORD. It is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day the LORD has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his mercy endures forever.

♪ **Surely It is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:51-57

Paul contrast the state of our perishable body with the imperishable body at the resurrection.

Look, I tell you a mystery. We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, ⁵²in a moment, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴But once this perishable body has put on imperishability, and this mortal body has put on immortality, then what is written will be fulfilled:

Death is swallowed up in victory.

⁵⁵Death, where is your sting? Grave, where is your victory?

⁵⁶The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

Children's Message

Please share the name and email of a friend who might like to receive spiritual encouragement pictures from the Rock of Ages children this week.

Verse of the Day:

(Psalm 118:24)

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia.

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

The women who grieved at Jesus' death were the first eyewitnesses of Jesus' victory over death.

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. ²Suddenly, there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, and going to the tomb, he rolled away the stone and was sitting on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. ⁴The guards were so terrified of him that they shook and became like dead men. ⁵The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid! I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶He is not here. He has risen, just as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. ⁷Go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has risen from the dead! And look, he is going ahead of you to Galilee. There you will see him.' See, I have told you!"

⁸They hurried away from the tomb, with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!"

They approached, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him.

¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go, tell my brothers that they should go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

Hymn

I Know that My Redeemer Lives

Christian Worship 152

Led by the children at Rock of Ages

♪ **I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head!**

**2. He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save.**

**He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.**

**5. He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears.
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.**

Sermon

1 Corinthians 15:51-57

Christ is Risen!



There's Going to Be a New Normal.

Apostles' Creed

In a world that has difficulty believing in the one true God, but is so ready to believe that our universe happened by some unknown accident, what do you believe?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

In a society that so quickly rejects what God did through His Son, what do you believe?

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

While many put their trust in things or people that they make into their gods, what do you believe that Jesus did that proves He has conquered death and is true God just as He said?

He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

Those who refuse to trust the Lord are without hope. What do you believe that gives you hope?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Heavenly Father, God of grace, you have brought us into a new and living hope by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

We marvel at the love you showed by your willingness to sacrifice your Son to pay for our sins and then raised him from the dead.

We praise you for sending the true Life and Light into the world.

Lord Jesus, God of grace, you have filled our hearts with resurrection joy by your victory over sin, death and the grave.

You have conquered the darkness and given us comfort and hope.

Dear Savior, we who are weary and burdened come to you for rest, knowing that because of your redemption there is now no condemnation for us.

Take away our doubts and fears, renewing in us the joy of our salvation.

Holy Spirit, God of grace, you have called us by the gospel and brought us to saving faith in our risen Lord. Keep us with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

Make us yearn for the day when you will give eternal life to us and all believers in Christ.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Work through us as we proclaim the saving message of the crucified and risen Jesus near and far, so that many others may hear your call, obtain the salvation in Christ Jesus, and join us before the throne of our God and of the Lamb.

Alleluia! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia! Amen.

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, forever and ever. Amen

Offering Hymn

His Battle Ended There

Christian Worship 146

Sung by the children at Rock of Ages

You are invited to listen and meditate on the words of this hymn while the offering is being gathered. The text is under copyright. You are invited to join the refrain:

♪ **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Prayer

Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying

of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

The God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good for doing his will, working in you what is pleasing to him.

And the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ (+), the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen.

Hymn

I Know that My Redeemer Lives
Christian Worship 152:6-8
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**6. He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
He lives and loves me to the end.
He lives, and while he lives I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.**

**7. He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death.
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.**

**8. He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
"I know that my Redeemer lives!"**

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