

Order of Worship *for* Resurrection Sunday April 12th, 2020

Worship through Adoration

OPENING PSALM

Psalm 16

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;

I have no good apart from you."

As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones,
in whom is all my delight.

The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names on my lips.

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

I have set the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.

For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.

You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

SONG OF ADORATION

Christ the Lord is Risen Today (next page)

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

Christ the Lord is ris'n today," Alleluia!
sons of men and angels say; 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!
Once he died, our souls to save; Alleluia!
where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done; Alleluia!
fought the fight, the battle won; Alleluia!
death in vain forbids him rise; Alleluia!
Christ hath opened paradise. Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ hath led, Alleluia!
foll'wing our exalted Head; Alleluia!
made like him, like him we rise; Alleluia!
ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

Charles Wesley, 1739

PRAYER OF ADORATION

At this point you can pause to offer your own prayer of adoration and praise to God. To help prompt you to pray a prayer of praise ask yourself one of the following questions:

- What Scriptural passage about who God is can I turn into a prayer of praise? (e.g. Philippians 2:5-11)
- What character or attribute of God can I focus on and give Him praise for? (e.g. His Sovereignty, Goodness, Justice, Faithfulness, etc.)

Worship through Confession and Thanksgiving

CALL TO CONFESSION

Colossians 3:1-5

If then you have been raised with Christ,
seek the things that are above,
where Christ is,
seated at the right hand of God.

Set your minds on things that are above,
not on things that are on earth.

For you have died,
and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

When Christ who is your life appears,
then you also will appear with him in glory.

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you:
sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire,
and covetousness, which is idolatry.

Reflect on the passage above and ask God 'to search your heart and try your thoughts' and confess the ways that you have fallen short of His glory in thought, word, and deed.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Our Heavenly Father,

You have brought us again to this glad season to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, whom You raised from the dead and crowned Lord of all.

We confess that we have been slow to believe, and we have not joyfully acknowledged His rule over us as we ought.

We have set our minds on things here below and failed to seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated.

Forgive us, O God, and renew us in the joy of Easter triumph so that we would continually live as new creations in Christ.

Grant us by your resurrection power to live lives that honor you and advance the mission of our resurrected King.

Through Christ, our Risen Lord, we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE IN CHRIST

1 Peter 1:3-5

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

He Will Hold Me Fast (next page)

HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast

CHORUS:

*He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast*

Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost
He will hold me fast (***Chorus***)

For my life He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight
When he comes at last (***Chorus***)

Worship through Preaching and Hearing

READING OF GOD'S WORD

Hebrews 2:14-18

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

Pastor Andrew Jacobson

Delivered from the Fear of Death

SONG OF RESPONSE

Before the Throne of God Above (next page)

BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb
My perfect, spotless Righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself, I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God

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CONFESSION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism Q. 45

How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

First, by his resurrection he has overcome death,
so that he could make us share in the righteousness
which he had obtained for us by his death.

Second, by his power we too are raised up to newness of life.

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

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Pray that....

1. as Christ has been raised to new life, we would walk in newness of life, honoring our Risen King in all that we do.
 - a. Think of an area of your life in particular where you need grace to live as a new creation in Christ.
2. those who are without the hope of Christ's victory over death would come to know Him who is the Resurrection and the Life.
 - a. Think of someone that you know personally and pray that they would come to know Christ.
3. all who are grieving the loss of a loved one would grieve as those who have hope and would look forward to the day when Christ makes all things new.
 - a. Think of someone in particular in your life (or even you personally) and pray this for them

DEPARTING SONG

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 BLESSING

May God be our exceeding joy,
Christ our only hope, the Spirit our unfailing comforter
in all our worship, in all our work, and through all our trials
until Jesus comes again. Amen.