

Theme: "The Transformative Power the Resurrection"

WE GATHER IN EASTER WORSHIP

Gathering Song(s): "**Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven**"

Verse 1

Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise.
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise.
He who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory, now is risen from the dead.

Verse 2

Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat.
See the ancient powers of evil in confusion and retreat.
Once he died and once was buried; now he lives forevermore—
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer, who we worship. and adore.

Verse 3

Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits of the holy harvest yield,
which will all its full abundance at his second coming yield.
Then the golden ears of harvest will their heads before him wave,
ripened by his glorious sunshine from the furrows of the grave.

Verse 4

Alleluia! alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
alleluia! to the Saviour, who has won the victory;
alleluia! to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity;
alleluia, alleluia! to the triune Majesty.

Words: Christopher Wordsworth, 1862

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

Halle, halle, hallelujah! (3x)
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Music: traditional Caribbean

Call to Worship & Greeting:

Joyful is the sound we make this morning!
For this day liberates us from doubt and fear.
Thankful is the song we sing!
For this day moves us past darkness and despair.
Hopeful is the prayer upon our lips!
For this day awakens in us long-awaited new life.
Jesus said, "Where two or more are gathered in my name,
I am there among them."
Christ lives here and now.
He is among us at this and every moment!
May his peace and presence be known to you.
And also to you.
Let us greet one another with the words:
Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed, alleluia!

WE CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

An Easter Reading from John 20:1-18 Suzanne McIntosh

Song: **"Resurrection Hymn/See, What a Morning"**

Verse 1

See, what a morning, gloriously bright,
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
Folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light,
As the angels announce, "Christ is risen!"
See God's salvation plan, wrought in love,
Borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
Fulfilled in Christ the Man, for He lives:
Christ is risen from the dead

Verse 2

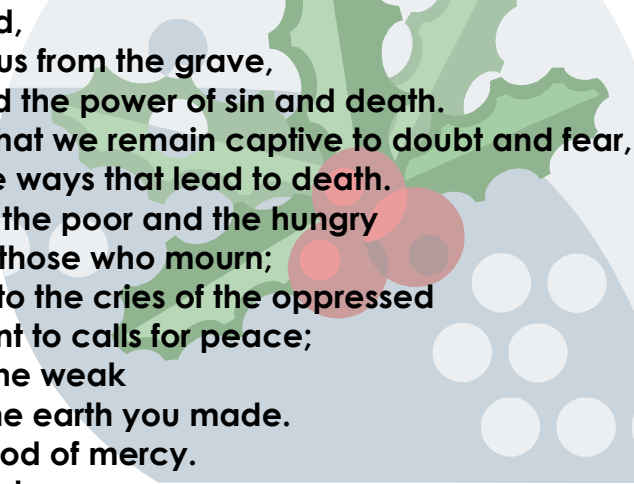
See Mary weeping, "Where is He laid?"—
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb.
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name;
It's the Master, the Lord, raised to life again!
The voice that spans the years,
Speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,
Will sound till He appears or He lives:
Christ is risen from the dead.

Verse 3

One with the Father, Ancient of Days,
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty.
Honour and blessing, glory and praise
To the King crowned with power and authority.
And we are raised with Him;
Death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered.
And we shall reign with Him,
For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead

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Prayer of Confession:



**Almighty God,
in raising Jesus from the grave,
you shattered the power of sin and death.
We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.
We overlook the poor and the hungry
and pass by those who mourn;
we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed
and indifferent to calls for peace;
we despise the weak
and abuse the earth you made.
Forgive us, God of mercy.
Help us to trust your power
to change our lives and make us new,
that we may know the joy of life abundant
given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.**

Song of Assurance (Solo: Erin): "Forever" Kari Jobe

Easter Insert Roberta Wonnacot

Song of Faith: "**In Christ Alone**"

Verse 1

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

Verse 2

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

Verse 3

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

Verse 4

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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Children's Moment

Children's Song: **"I Danced in the Morning"** BoP#250

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Roberta Wonnacot

Psalm 118:14-24
1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

Sermon: "Where Would I Be?"

Hymn of Response: **"Thine be the Glory"** BoP#258

WE BRING OUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS

Prayer of thanksgiving

Work and Witness of our Church

A Time of Giving with Sung Response: **"Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow"** BoP#79

WE GO OUT WITH EASTER JOY

The Benediction

Recessional Hymn: **"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"** BoP#243

