

EASTER SUNDAY  
THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
**April 12, 2020**

**Order of Service**

**Hymn – #157 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”**

EASTER

**157 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today**



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day,  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which he en - dured,  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove,



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,  
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured,  
Praise e - ter - nal as his love,



Who did once up - on the cross,  
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Now a - bove the sky he's King,  
Praise him, all you heav'n - ly host,



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss,  
Sin - ners to re - deem and save, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Where the an - gels ev - er sing,  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,

Text: Latin hymn, 14th century, st. 1-3; Charles Wesley, 1707-88, st. 4; tr. *Lyra Davidica*, London, 1708, st. 1-3, alt.  
Tune: EASTER HYMN (77 77 with Alleluias) *Lyra Davidica*, London, 1708, alt.

***PLEASE STAND***

M: He is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed!**

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Prayer of the Day**

O God, you made the dawn of this most holy day to shine with the glory of our Lord's resurrection. Grant that we, who have been raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, both now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

***PLEASE SIT***

## First Lesson – The Easter Gospel – Part One

### Psalm of the Day – Psalm 118

*Refrain*

This is the day the Lord has made, let us re-  
joice and be glad! This is the day the  
Lord has made, let us re-joice and be glad!

*Psalm tone*

\*

#### *Refrain*

The LORD is my strength and my song;\*  
he has become my salvation.

The LORD's right hand is lifted high;\*  
the LORD's right hand has done mighty things!  
I will not die but live,\*  
and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

#### *Refrain*

I will give you thanks, for you answered me;\*  
you have become my salvation.  
The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;\*  
the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.  
This is the day the LORD has made;\*  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

#### *Refrain*

## **Second Lesson – The Easter Gospel – Part Two**

**M:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

### **Apostles' Creed**

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

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

## Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia



1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.  
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst  
 3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear.  
 4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave.  
 5 Christ has a - ris - en; he sets us free.



Re - jice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.  
 Un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.  
 You look for Je - sus who is not here.  
 He has a - ris - en this world to save.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, to him prais - es be.



For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb,  
 He who gives life did death un - der - go.  
 See for your - selves the tomb is all bare.  
 Je - sus' re - deem - ing la - bors are done.  
 Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;



E - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.  
 And in its con - quest his might did show.  
 On - ly the grave cloths are ly - ing there."  
 E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."  
 He reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

(continued)

*Refrain*



Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.



Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.



Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

*This Tanzanian Easter hymn reminds us that the empty tomb is a message that transcends all time and culture.*

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**Sermon – Text and Theme:**

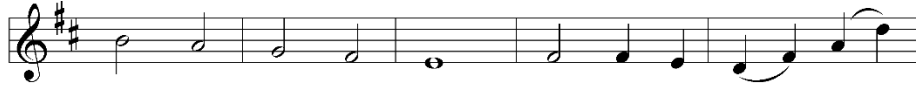
**1 Peter 3:18-19**

**“Snatching Victory from the Jaws of Defeat”**

“Christ also suffered once for sins in our place, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in flesh, but was made alive in spirit, in which he also went and made an announcement to the spirits in prison.”

**I Know that My Redeemer Lives**

1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort  
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -  
 3 He lives to bless me with his love; He lives to  
 4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to  
 5 He lives to si - lence all my fears; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
 ter - nal - ly to save. He lives all - glo - rious  
 plead for me a - bove. He lives, my hun - gry  
 guide me with his eye. He lives to com - fort  
 wipe a - way my tears. He lives to calm my



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing Head!  
 in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.  
 soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.  
 me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.  
 trou - bled heart; He lives all bless - ings to im - part.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;  
 He lives and loves me to the end. He lives, and I shall conquer death.  
 He lives, and while he lives I'll sing; He lives my mansion to prepare;  
 He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King. 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!"



## **Easter Prayer**

### **The 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.**

### **Blessing**

**M:**    The Lord bless you and keep you.  
          The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
          The Lord look on you with favor and give you his peace.

**C:**


**Closing Hymn – “This Easter Celebration”  
(sung to the tune of “The Church’s One Foundation”)**

# This Easter Celebration



Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2020

Aurelia



Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864





1. This Eas - ter ce - le - bra - tion is not like ones we've known.  
2. No gath - ered choirs are sing - ing; no ban - ners lead the way.  
3. Our joy won't come from wor - ship that's in a crowd - ed room  
4. In all the grief and suf - fer - ing, may we re - mem - ber well:  
5. We thank you that on Eas - ter, your church is blessed to be



We pray in i - so - la - tion, we sing the hymns a - lone.  
O God of love and prom - ise, where's joy this Eas - ter Day?  
but from the news of wom - en who saw the emp - ty tomb.  
Christ suf - fer - ed cru - ci - fix - ion and faced the powers of hell.  
a scat - tered, faith - ful bo - dy that's do - ing mi - ni - stry.



We're dis - tant from our neigh - bors— from wor - ship lead - ers, too.  
With sanc - tu - a - ries emp - ty, may homes be - come the place  
Our joy comes from di - sci - ples who ran with haste to see—  
Each Eas - ter bears the pro - mise: Christ rose that glo - rious day!  
In homes and in the pla - ces of help and heal - ing, too,



No flo - wers grace the chan - cel to set a fes - tive mood.  
we pon - der re - sur - rec - tion and ce - le - brate your grace.  
who heard that Christ is ris - en, and then, by grace, be - lieved.  
Now no - thing in cre - a - tion can keep your love a - way.  
we live the Eas - ter mes - sage by glad - ly serv - ing you.

