



Easter Sunday – Resurrection of our Lord -Worship @ Home

GATHERING & PREPARATION

Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen

He is risen indeed. Alleluia

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us all

And with your spirit

Light a candle and pray:

O Lord our God,
time and eternity are yours
you bring the abundance of summer sunshine
into the harvest that sustains us in winter.
Let the resurrection of Christ
empower us to confront with confidence
all that threatens to diminish and destroy us
through Christ who is our victory and our joy,
and who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God,
in glory everlasting:
Blessed be God forever!

We come to worship because for us to live is Christ.
We live for Christ, we live by Christ, we live with Christ,
For Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.
God of grace, who raised Christ from the dead,
Let Christ be praised in all we say and do,
In all we think and speak,
In this hour of worship
And in every moment of our lives. **Amen**

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Pray together:

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit,
that in your light we see light,
in your truth find wisdom,
and in your will discover your peace,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

1st Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 31:1-6
Psalm: 118:1-2, 14-24
2nd Scripture Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Stand and read:

Gospel reading: Matthew 28:1-10

Reflection

Affirming our Faith – A Creed for Eastertide

Let us affirm our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ,
The Son of God who lives and reigns in the unity of the Holy and blessed Trinity.
We believe in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Christ died for our sins, was buried
and was raised to life on the third day,
in accordance with the Scriptures.
Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again.

Christ appeared to Peter,
to the twelve disciples
and to more than five hundred
brothers and sisters at one time.
This we have received,
and this we believe with joy.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Father in heaven, we praise you that on this day Christ rose from the dead. We thank you for his triumph over sin and death and for his gift of eternal life. We remember before you those who have died in the great hope of the resurrection. Unite us with them in your unending joy.

Lord hear us

Lord graciously hear us

We pray for ourselves and all Christian people, that we may live as those who believe in the victory of the cross.

Lord hear us

Lord graciously hear us

We pray for those who at this season are receiving Christ's new life through His Spirit in particular those who come to faith in you.

Lord hear us

Lord graciously hear us

Bless and guide all who govern the nations of the earth. Help them to know what is right and to do it particular in this time of the Corona Virus pandemic.

Lord hear us

Lord graciously hear us

We pray for all who suffer or are troubled. Give them good friends to comfort them, and grant them healing and knowledge of your Son in his victorious passion.

Lord hear us

Lord graciously hear us

We praise you, Lord God, sovereign over all, because you have taken your great power, and begun to reign. Amen

Act of Penitence

Let us call to mind and confess our sins.

Silence is kept...

We confess.....

**Forgive us, Lord,
when we wander from the new life of Easter.**

**Forgive us, Lord,
when we find the truth of Easter hard to believe.**

**Forgive us, Lord,
when we find it hard to live our Easter Faith.**

All say: **Lord Jesus Christ, in you we find our way, our truth and our life. By the power of your resurrection forgive us that we may live to the praise and glory of God. Amen**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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,
the power, and the glory
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

OFFERTORY/COLLECTION

(Monies & Gifts for the Poor & the Church)

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

(One who is unable to receive the Sacrament physically may make a spiritual communion, and be certain that Christ comes to him/her in this way as surely as he does in the Sacrament.)

Pray in Silence:

Jesus, may all that is you flow into me.
May your body and blood be my food and drink.
May your passion and death be my strength and life.
Jesus, with you by my side enough has been given.
May the shelter I seek be the shadow of your cross.
Let me not run from your love which you offer
but hold me safe from the forces of evil.
On each of my dying's shed your light and your love.
Keep calling to me until that day comes
when, with your saints, I may praise you for ever.
Amen

Or

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, refresh me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesus, hear me.
Within your wounds hide me.
Let me never be separated from you.
From the malicious enemy defend me.
In the hour of my death call me
and bid me come to you
that with your saints I may praise you
for ever and ever. Amen

SENT OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

**The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.
God's mercies never come to an end.**

O God, our life and our hope, we are thankful that we can again receive you in the risen Jesus our Lord. We ask that you strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and one another and follow in His footsteps, through Christ our risen Lord. **Amen**

Doxology and Dismissal

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all forever. Amen

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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