

Worship in the Home

Resurrection of Our Lord



“Come...Be a Part of Peace!”

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In this time of world-wide crisis, we are not able to gather for worship as the body of Christ. While we cannot be together in person, we can hear the word of God and hold each other in prayer. Use this resource as an aid for prayer in the home. As with our prayers in the gathered assembly for worship.



Set out and light a candle and you may wish to have a bowl of water as a reminder of your baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Responsive Prayer

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.
Amen.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Devotional Music

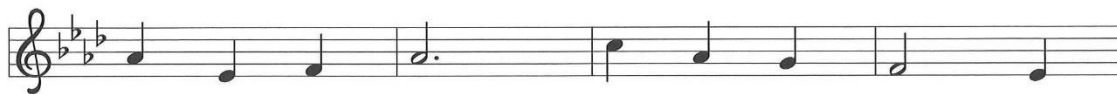
You might now sing or read "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!"

Or, click the following link for audio presentation -

<https://youtu.be/kefG4V0-Pz0>

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Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

Morning Prayer

O Lord, I cry to you for help.
**In the morning
my prayer comes before you.**

Let my mouth be full of your praise
and your glory all the day long.

Every day will I bless you,
**and praise your name
forever and ever.**

Awesome things will you show us
in your righteousness,
O God of our salvation,
**O hope of all
the ends of the earth
and of the seas that are far away.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
**and all that is within me,
bless God's holy name.**

You redeem my life from the grave,
**and crown me with mercy
and steadfast love.**

Lord, hear my prayer,
and let my cry come before you.

The Prayer of the Day may be prayed.



Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to following the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Then the first reading for this Sunday may be read, as follows.

FIRST READING: Acts 7:55-60

⁵⁵Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶"Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16

May be sung or read in response to the First Reading.



¹In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;
let me never be | put to shame;
deliver me | in your righteousness.

**²Incline your | ear to me;
make haste to de- | liver me.**

³Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag | and my stronghold;
for the sake of your name, lead | me and guide me.

**⁴Take me out of the net that they have secretly | set for me,
for you are my tow- | er of strength.**

⁵Into your hands I com- | mend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, | God of truth.

**¹⁵My times are | in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who | persecute me.**

¹⁶Let your face shine up- | on your servant;
save me in your | steadfast love.

Then the second reading for this Sunday may be read, as follows.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation — ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.⁶For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." ⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," ⁸and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Then the gospel reading may be read, as follows.

Gospel: John 14:1-14

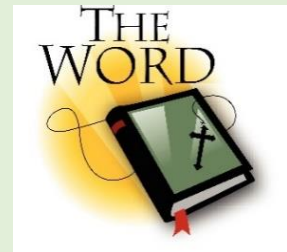
The holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." ⁸Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?" ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



Reflection



“A PLACE BEING PREPARED OF US”

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The gospel scripture that we have today is one that many times I have used over the years for a funeral or memorial service. When I first started to use it, it was for people who had lived in many different places over their lifetime. Another reason I have always liked to use it, is because it answers the question most people ask, “Is this all there is”? Here we find the answer. Yes, there is, and Jesus has it all in control as he assures us that he is going ahead to prepare a place. At the right time there is a place we will be welcomed with open arms and a love beyond any that we have felt on this side of eternity.

Last week one of the things that I pointed out was in the gospel of John where Jesus talks about himself and who he is. There he was telling those how he is the gate for the sheep. The good shepherd that makes sure that his sheep were safe from predators and brings them out to good pasture. This week again he is talking a great deal about himself, as a matter of fact in these fourteen verses, ten times he uses the pronoun “I”, six times he uses “I am”, twelve times “me”, four times “my” and once “myself”. I guess you could say it is all about Jesus and who he is. He is reinforcing how not only is he the gate, but he is also the one who goes to prepare a place for us, how he and the Father are one and that there is more that you disciples will do when I am no longer here. So, Jesus is saying to them and us, all this that I am sharing with you, there is no need to let your hearts be troubled.

Of course, as Jesus goes on to talk about himself and his relationship with God, it almost seems like the disciples just are not listening to what he is saying to them. Thomas says, “We do not know where you are going.” Philip asks for him to show him the Father so they can be satisfied. I can almost see Jesus taking the heel of his hand to his forehead and saying to them. “LISTEN TO WHAT I AM SAYING TO YOU! I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE, IF YOU HAVE SEEN ME YOU HAVE SEEN THE FATHER! AND YOU KNOW ALL THOSE WORKS I HAVE DONE IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER; YOU WILL DO EVEN GREATER WORKS! YA GOT IT?”

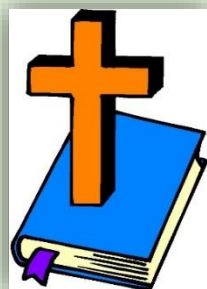
Of course, I do not see Jesus yelling at the disciples. No, he just calmly explains to them again who he is, and that when he is no longer with them, they are the ones who will carry on and they will do greater works than he did. You are to be the chosen ones who will carry on the work of serving and sharing the word of God to the world.

The miracle is that they eventually got it and went on to believe and to do what they had been called to do. The wonder and miracle is that the call has continued for more than two thousand years and counting.

The answer to: "What are the greater things?" It is the fact that even though those early disciples and those who followed including you and me, we might not be doing the big miracles Jesus had done, but the truth of Jesus and the Father are one has continued to be told. People have come to believe and know the truth and it has made them free. Baptisms have taken place around the world in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. People have gathered at the table and heard the words spoken, *this is my body*, and *this is my blood*, eat and drink, and be forgiven, and do this in remembrance of me. Let me be your abiding place now and eternally. Why? Because I said so! How many times do I need to tell you! Listen to me, hear my words and believe.

The greater thing that those disciples have done, and you and I continue to do, is to go and tell who Jesus said he was in so many different ways: "I am the bread of life", "I am the living bread that came down from heaven", "I am the light of the world", "I am the gate for the sheep", "I am the good shepherd", "I am the resurrection and the life", "I am the vine, and you are the branches", "I am the way, and the truth, and the life". Yes, Jesus was clear in saying who he was, and why he came and that he may give new life to all who believe and follow in his way, and in his truth, and in his life. Yes, we may pray and ask in Jesus name even today, where are we to go and that we may be shown the Father, and be assured Jesus will answer and show you and me all that we will need to do to follow in the way and not be troubled.

Yes, many times I have used, and other pastors have used this gospel at a funeral or memorial to give those gathered assurance that the end of our earthly life is not the end. The truth is there is so much more to this lesson, because we not only learn Jesus has gone to prepare a place for us, he and the Father are one, and he has told us all we need to do is listen to him and believe. Amen.



Hymn of The Day

You might now sing or read "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

Or, click the following link for audio presentation –

<https://youtu.be/FUh5l-FhLps>

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

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1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929
Music: Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925–1980
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LINSTEAD
LM and refrain

Then read the prayers of intercession, as follows.



Prayers of Intercession

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Build us up, mothering God, as living stones united in your spiritual house. Continually strengthen your church as it is sent forth to proclaim your love. We pray especially for new congregations and those in redevelopment.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Humble us, creator God, as part of your creation. Fill us with respect and awe for the world you have made, including volcanoes, ocean currents, tropical rainstorms, glaciers, and other forces that both destroy and create.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Align our ways to your love, O God. We pray for countries, leaders, and other organizations as they prepare places for those seeking refuge and safety.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of healing and rest, help those whose hearts are heavy and weighed down by many troubles. Comfort their suffering, ease their distress, and carry their burdens, and all in need especially: Nick Ivanovic, Clay Chaffee, Lucy Creel, Harry Bowman, Tamera Nicholson, Donna Lind, Orv Lind, Katherine Holmberg, Steve Nicholson, and all those who have the Coronavirus.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Nurturing God, we pray for those who tend and teach young children, for the safe pregnancies of expectant parents, and for families who struggle with infertility and miscarriage. We give thanks for all who have shown mothering care, and we remember all for whom this day is difficult.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Generous God, you call into your brilliant light all who have died. Give us faith to take hold of the promise of your eternal life.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care, through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Then conclude with these prayers.

Let us pray,

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Morning Prayer

We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected us through the night from all harm and danger. We ask that you would also protect us today from sin and all evil, so that our life and actions may please you. Into your hands we commend ourselves: our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels be with us, so that the wicked foe may have no power over us.

Amen.

We pray:

Then speak the Blessing:

The blessing of the living God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
surround and sustain you,
keep you from harm,
and fill you with courage.

Amen.

**Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**



Sending Hymn

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives!"

*Click the following link for audio presentation
that includes the verses to sing*

<https://youtu.be/2tMqpruzpv0>

I Know That My Redeemer Lives!

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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 grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to
4 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 ex - alt - ed,
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!
throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.
me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

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| 5 He lives to bless me with his love;
he lives to plead for me above;
he lives my hungry soul to feed;
he lives to help in time of need. | 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. |
| 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! | 8 He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Savior, still the same;
what joy this blest assurance gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives! |

Dismissal

Jesus said, You will be my witnesses
to the ends of the earth

I chose you and appointed you
to bear fruit that will last.

Remember, I will be with you always,
to the end of time.

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God!



Readings of the Week:

Fifth Sunday of Easter Acts 7: 55-60, 1 Peter 2: 2-10, John 14: 1-14

Sixth Sunday of Easter Acts 17: 22-31, 1 Peter 3: 13-22, John 14: 15-21

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IN NEED OF PRAYER

We give thanks to you, O Lord, for all the prayers you have heard and answered and the peace you have given, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Osprey Village

Lloyd & Jane Cotner - Room 3106
Katherine Holmberg- Room ?

Savannah Grand

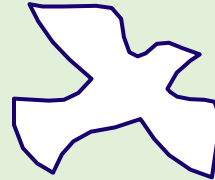
Jo Kruer - Room 326
Mary Jordan- Room 332

Jane Adams House

Harry Bowman - Room 112

At Home

Emmy Lou Sorum / Billy Foster / Gertie Schreffler / Michele Pester / Clay Chaffee /
Dorothy Schwager/ Lucy Creel / Ted Wessel / Lloyd Cotner/ Tamera Nicholson/ Orv Lind
/ Donna Lind / Nick Ivanovic / Blake Carter



Lt. Tim Cassel, Coast Guard, Valdez, AK (son of Glen & Norma Beyer)
Lt. J.G. Eric Strommel, Kings Bay, Subbase, GA
Lt. Col. Laura Laskowski, Air Force Intelligence, stationed in Boston, Massachusetts
(daughter of Sue Whitman)
Andy Shook, US Army, (son of Ricky Shook)
Corporal, James Ryan Kruer, Beaufort Marine Corp. Air Station, Beaufort, S.C.
(grandson of Jo Kruer)
Sgt. Rob Kinnard (Afghanistan)

Components of an Effective Prayer

“A”	ADORATION	Worship of God, First for who He is, Second for all His benefits
“C”	CONFESSION	If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive and cleanse us from unrighteousness
“T”	THANKSGIVING	Gratitude to GOD for His blessings
“S”	SUPPLICATION	Expressing our petitions to GOD for individual and specific needs and desires

Keeping Our Prayer List Up to Date ...

*Call our Church Office to add friends and family to our prayer list.
We often can all use as many prayers as we can get.*