

# Reach One More For Jesus!

Easter Sunday

April 12, 2020

## MEDITATIVE THOUGHT

Our joy is immeasurable on this day of Resurrection. We are moved to exclaim,  
“The Lord is Risen! He is Risen indeed!”

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Christ is Risen!

**P: God’s steadfast love endures forever.**

L: Death has lost its sting.

**P: God’s steadfast love endures forever.**

L: Rejoice in this day of salvation.

**P: God’s steadfast love endures forever. Alleluia!**

### OPENING HYMN “He Lives”

Hymnal Page #310

1. I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today; I know that he is living, whatever foes may say. I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer, and just the time I need him, he's always near. He lives, (he lives) he lives, (he lives) Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way. He lives, (he lives) he lives, (he lives) salvation to impart! You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

2. In all the world around me I see his loving care, and though my heart grows weary, I never will despair. I know that he is leading through all the stormy blast; the day of his appearing will come at last. He lives, (he lives) he lives, (he lives) Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way. He lives, (he lives) he lives, (he lives) salvation to impart! You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

3. Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King! The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find; none other is so loving, so good and kind. He lives, (he lives) he lives, (he lives) Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way. He lives, (he lives) he lives, (he lives) salvation to impart! You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

### OPENING PRAYER

**Living God, rejoicing in this day of resurrection, we have come to celebrate the strength of Your love— a love that triumphs even over death. As we exult in the miracle of Your incarnate love, we thank You for the opportunity to encounter the Risen Christ here in our midst. Amen.**

### GOSPEL READING

Matthew 28:1-10 NRSV

<sup>1</sup> After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup> For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” <sup>8</sup> So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

One: *The Word of God for the people of God.*

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE "LET'S CELEBRATE JESUS' VICTORY!"**

**1. JESUS WON THE VICTORY OVER OUR SIN.**

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**2. JESUS WON THE VICTORY OVER DEATH.**

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**PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE**

**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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**GIVING BACK TO GOD (TITHES AND GIFTS)**

**DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

Hymnal #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Thank You, God, for the gift of this amazing day of resurrection! Our hearts are overflowing with the joy and excitement of Easter. We pray that You will take our exuberance and use it to bring light and hope to those trapped in darkness and despair. Use these gifts of money to empower our work with those who have not yet seen the Risen Lord in their midst. Use the gift of our very lives to empower our calling to carry Your Incarnate Love into the world. We pray this with the boldness of those who have encountered the living Christ. Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN "Up from the Grave He Arose"**

Hymnal Page #322

1. Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior, waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord! Up from the grave he arose, (he arose) with a mighty triumph o'er his foes; (o'er his foes) he arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever, with his saints to reign. He arose! (he arose) He arose! (he arose) Hallelujah! Christ arose!

2. Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior; vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord! Up from the grave he arose, (he arose) with a mighty triumph o'er his foes; (o'er his foes) he arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever, with his saints to reign. He arose! (he arose) He arose! (he arose) Hallelujah! Christ arose!

3. Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior; he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord! Up from the grave he arose, (he arose) with a mighty triumph o'er his foes; (o'er his foes) he arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever, with his saints to reign. He arose! (he arose) He arose! (he arose) Hallelujah! Christ arose!

**BENEDICTION**