

Dear members of God's family at Resurrection Church,
This is a difficult Easter, perhaps the most difficult in modern memory. Many people throughout the world are suffering and dying, and the very best way most of us can help is by "social distancing." We cannot be together in church. But the resurrection of Jesus Christ also holds our hard times. You will notice that some of these prayers and songs are marked by lament; others by profound thanksgiving. **And at 10 am on Easter Sunday morning we can read and hear the scriptures and we can pray and sing these hymns together.** Against all sorrow and fear, Christ is risen. Alleluia.

RESURRECTION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



**Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Sunday
April 12, 2020
Our Common Prayer at Home**

Set out and light a candle, perhaps the one you used last night at the Vigil. To begin, you might now sing the following hymn. Music may be found at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCu8ZL2h-AYuGeUpXU3OxedFO>

HYMN #372

“Christ Is Arisen”

EASTER
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Christ Is Arisen

1 Christ is a - ris - en from the grave's dark pris - on. So let our joy rise
full and free; Christ our com - fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!

2 Were Christ not a - ris - en, then death were still our
pris - on. Now, with him to life re - stored, we praise
the Fa - ther of our Lord. Al - le - lu - ia!

3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia! So let our joy rise full and free;
Christ our com - fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: German hymn, c. 1100; tr. Martin L. Seltz, 1909–1967
Music: J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543
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One person may pray the PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer:

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Then the readings for this Sunday may be read, as follows:

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:1-6

¹At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

²Thus says the LORD:

The people who survived the sword
found grace in the wilderness;
when Israel sought for rest,

³the LORD appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love;
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

⁴Again I will build you, and you shall be built,
O virgin Israel!

Again you shall take your tambourines,
and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.

⁵Again you shall plant vineyards
on the mountains of Samaria;
the planters shall plant,
and shall enjoy the fruit.

⁶For there shall be a day when sentinels will call
in the hill country of Ephraim:

“Come, let us go up to Zion,
to the LORD our God.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24 in response to the First Reading.

Music may be found at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCu8ZL2h-AYuGeUpXU3Qxed-FQ>

- ¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good;
God's mercy en- | dures forever.
- ²Let Israel | now declare,
"God's mercy en- | dures forever."
- ¹⁴The LORD is my strength | and my song,
and has become | my salvation.
- ¹⁵Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents | of the righteous:
"The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!"
- ¹⁶The right hand of the LORD | is exalted!
The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!"
- ¹⁷I shall not | die, but live,
and declare the works | of the LORD.
- ¹⁸The LORD indeed pun- | ished me sorely,
but did not hand me o- | ver to death.
- ¹⁹Open for me the | gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks | to the LORD.
- ²⁰"This is the gate | of the LORD;
here the righ- | teous may enter."
- ²¹I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me
and you have become | my salvation.
- ²²The stone that the build- | ers rejected
has become the chief | cornerstone.
- ²³By the LORD has | this been done;
it is marvelous | in our eyes.
- ²⁴This is the day that the | LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4

¹If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1–10

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the twenty eighth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Having read these readings, think of this:

This Easter we are indeed in the wilderness, and our life is indeed hidden. But because of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we believe that the ancient promises to Israel are now extended to us. In the resurrection, God loves you with an everlasting love. God will again build you. Christ is your life and you shall appear with him. And today the Galilee where, by the power of the Spirit Jesus may be seen alive, is in our own homes. Against all sadness, this is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Christ is risen. Alleluia.

At this point, read or listen to Pastor Linman’s Easter sermon.

It may be found on Constant Contact, on the RELC website, or at

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCu8ZL2h-AYuGeUpXU3OxedFO>

Now read or sing the following Hymn of the Day. Accompaniment is at

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCu8ZL2h-AYuGeUpXU3QxedFQ>

HYMN OF THE DAY: #619 ***“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”***

I Know That My Redeemer Lives!

The musical score is written for a single voice and piano accompaniment. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment line in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

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! |

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738–1799, alt.
Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

Then pray together these prayers for our church and world:

Dear members of God's family: on this Easter Day marked by both sorrow and joy, our prayers for the church, the world, and all in need include both heartfelt lament and fervent praise.

A brief silence.

God our Sanctuary, we lament that we cannot gather today for public worship, that death stalks the church, and that our sorrows and fears blunt our songs of Alleluia. . .

A brief silence. Show the church your mercy: **Your mercy endures forever.**

And yet around the globe we praise you for the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the grave, for our baptismal washing in his life, for your presence come to us in the word, and for the hope the gospel brings. . .

A brief silence. We praise you for the church: **Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

God our Creator, we lament that our life styles have harmed your creation and that our efforts to repair your earth are now postponed. . .

A brief silence. Show the earth your mercy: **Your mercy endures forever.**

And yet here in the north we praise you for the beauty of the natural world, for springtime flowers and budding trees, for the soil and rain that nourish the crops. . .

A brief silence. We praise you for the earth: **Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

God our Governor, we lament that war and violence still rage, that countless people suffer injustice, that the plight of refugees seems beyond solution, that appropriate governmental action is delayed and inadequate. . .

A brief silence. Show the world your mercy: **Your mercy endures forever.**

And yet we praise you that there is peace on our streets, that some elected officials and many aid agencies are devoting themselves to save the people and to share our food, and that we are given connection to friends and family through technology. . .

A brief silence. We praise you for community: **Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

God our Physician, we lament all who suffer, those we name here before you: Karen Huff, Barb Jensen, Nathan Linman, Jack Mulloy, and . . . , but especially we lament the coronavirus and its incalculable suffering, the many thousands sick, the fear instilled, the loss of employment, the cancelation of plans, the overflow in hospitals, the scarcity of supplies, the exhaustion of medical staff. . .

A brief silence. Show all the needy your mercy: **Your mercy endures forever.**

And yet we praise you for health and well-being wherever it thrives, for the dedication of medical workers, for the goodwill of volunteers, for the generosity of benefactors, and for the comfort we receive from the power of the resurrection. . .

A brief silence. We praise you for healing: **Alleuia! Thanks be to God!**

God, our Everlasting Arms, mother us in our heartache and distress, receive now our personal laments, and help each of us to praise your name.

A longer period of silence. We praise you for hearing my prayers: **Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

God our Life Eternal, we lament the thousands dead and the sadness of all who mourn, and we remember before you Lucille Cooney, and all who have died in the faith. . .

A brief silence. Show to all humanity your mercy: **Your mercy endures forever.** And yet here we join in our Alleluias, and we praise you on this Easter Day for your promise of an endless banquet of joyous life in your presence, when diseases and sorrows will be no more.

A brief silence. In life and death we praise you: **Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who are Source of life, Word of salvation, and Power of mercy, hear us. Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your compassionate might, for the sake of him who lived, died, and rose for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Then conclude with these Prayers, first the Thanksgiving for the Word, then the Lord's Prayer:

LET US PRAY,

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

Amen.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught 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 the kingdom, the power,
And the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

For many people, this hymn belongs to Easter Day. Sing it now, if you choose. Music at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCu8ZL2h-AYuGeUpXU3OxedFO>

HYMN #365

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

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

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4
 Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

Then speak the Blessing:

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever.
Amen.

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

We cannot now celebrate the Holy Communion. But you can pray at your table in your home, a table which always echoes the Holy Supper. Christ is always present at your meal. Your meal is holy. Here is one prayer you might use, morning, noon or night, to celebrate that presence:

**Come Lord Jesus, be our guest,
And let these gifts to us be blest.
Blessed be God, who is our Bread;
May all the world be clothed and fed.**

And here is another:

**Give us thankful hearts, merciful God,
For these and all your gifts,
And keep us mindful of the needs of others,
Through Christ our Lord.**

Readings for the Week:

Monday Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24. **Tuesday** Colossians 3:12-17. **Wednesday** Matthew 28:1-10.
Thursday Psalm 16. **Friday** 1 Corinthians 15:1-11. **Saturday** Song of Solomon 8:6-7.
Second Sunday of Easter (commemoration of Olavus Petri, priest, died 1552; Laurentius Petri, Bishop of Uppsala, died 1573; renewers of the church) Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16;
1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31.