

Guide for Home Worship

April 4, 2021

Opening Prayer

(select someone from your group to open your service in prayer)

Call to Worship

adapted from John 11:25; 1 Corinthians 15:54-55, 57

LEADER: The tomb that held Jesus is empty! The stone has been rolled away! Christ is risen!

CONGREGATION: *He is risen, indeed!*

LEADER: For three days, he lay in that cold and lonely cave.

CONGREGATION: *But God's love cannot be contained by anything, not even death!*

LEADER: Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life.

CONGREGATION: *The one who believes in me will live, even though they die."*

LEADER: Where, O death, is your victory?

CONGREGATION: *Where, O death, is your sting?*

LEADER: Thanks be to God, who gives us victory through our Risen Lord.

CONGREGATION: *Death has been swallowed up in victory.*

LEADER: Christ is risen!

CONGREGATION: *He is risen indeed!*

ALL: *Come, let us worship the Risen Christ!*

Songs and Liturgy

(sing as a group and/or sing along to recorded versions)

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

(Charles Wesley, 1739)

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth reply. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King: Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Dying once, He all doth save: Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight the battle won; Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise; Alleluia!
Christ has opened Paradise. Alleluia!

Soar we now, where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head; Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise; Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

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SCRIPTURE READING – *Acts 10:34-43 (ESV)*

³⁴ So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷ you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

MAN OF SORROWS

(Brooke Ligertwood, Matt Crocker)

Man of sorrows, Lamb of God
By His own betrayed,
The sin of man and wrath of God
Has been on Jesus laid.

Silent as He stood accused,
Beaten, mocked and scorned.
Bowing to the Father’s will
He took a crown of thorns.

CHORUS:

Oh that rugged cross, my salvation,
Where Your love poured out over me.
Now my soul cries out hallelujah!
Praise and honor unto Thee.

Sent of heaven God’s own Son
To purchase and redeem.
And reconcile the very ones
Who nailed Him to that tree.

(CHORUS)

BRIDGE:

Now my debt is paid,
It is paid in full.
By the precious blood
That my Jesus spilled.
Now the curse of sin
Has no hold on me,
Whom the Son sets free,
Oh is free indeed.

(CHORUS)

See the stone is rolled away,
Behold the empty tomb.
Hallelujah God be praised!
He’s risen from the grave!

(CHORUS)

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JESUS, THANK YOU

(Pat Sczebel)

The mystery of the cross I cannot comprehend,
The agonies of Calvary.
You, the perfect Holy One, crushed Your son,
Who drank the bitter cup reserved for me.

CHORUS:

Your blood has washed away my sin.
Jesus, thank You.
The Father's wrath completely satisfied,
Jesus, thank You.
Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table,
Jesus, thank You.

By your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near.
Your enemy You've made Your friend.
Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace,
Your mercy and Your kindness know no end.

(CHORUS)

Lover of my soul,
I want to live for You.

(CHORUS)

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Prayer Time

(You may have an open time of prayer or select someone to pray)

- Pray for our nation – that the good news of Jesus Christ would draw people to know God genuinely and personally.
- Pray for those suffering from the ongoing spread of the coronavirus.
- Pray for those experiencing racial injustices; specifically, that God would bring hope, reconciliation, and restoration through the good news of His Son.
- Pray for those in authority at every level in our country, that they would govern wisely and justly.

Listen to Sermon

“The Sign of Resurrection”

preached by Pastor Ryan Bouton

John 2:12-25 (ESV)

¹² After this he went down to Capernaum, with his mother and his brothers and his disciples, and they stayed there for a few days.

¹³ The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. ¹⁵ And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ And he told those who sold the pigeons, “Take these things away; do not make my Father’s house a house of trade.” ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

¹⁸ So the Jews said to him, “What sign do you show us for doing these things?” ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” ²⁰ The Jews then said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?” ²¹ But he was speaking about the temple of his body. ²² When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

²³ Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. ²⁴ But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people ²⁵ and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

Confession of Faith

based on 1 Corinthians 15

LEADER: But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

CONGREGATION: *And so, we proclaim in confident hope:*

“Death is swallowed up in victory

O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?”

LEADER: The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

CONGREGATION: *But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!*

Song of Response

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

(Matthew Bridges & Godfrey Thring, Music by George J. Elvey, 1851)

Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne:
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love:
Behold His hands and side
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified;
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his wond'ring eye
At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of life:
Who triumphed o'er the grave,
Who rose victorious to the strife
For those He came to save;
His glories now we sing,
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of heav'n:
One with the Father known,
One with the Spirit thru Him giv'n
From yonder glorious throne.
To Thee be endless praise,
For Thou for us hast died;
Be Thou, O Lord, thru endless days
Adored and magnified.

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Benediction

(The leader or individual should read this aloud relishing in the confident assertion that Christ has conquered.)

Luke 12:29-32

LEADER: Do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you. Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

PEOPLE: *Amen!*